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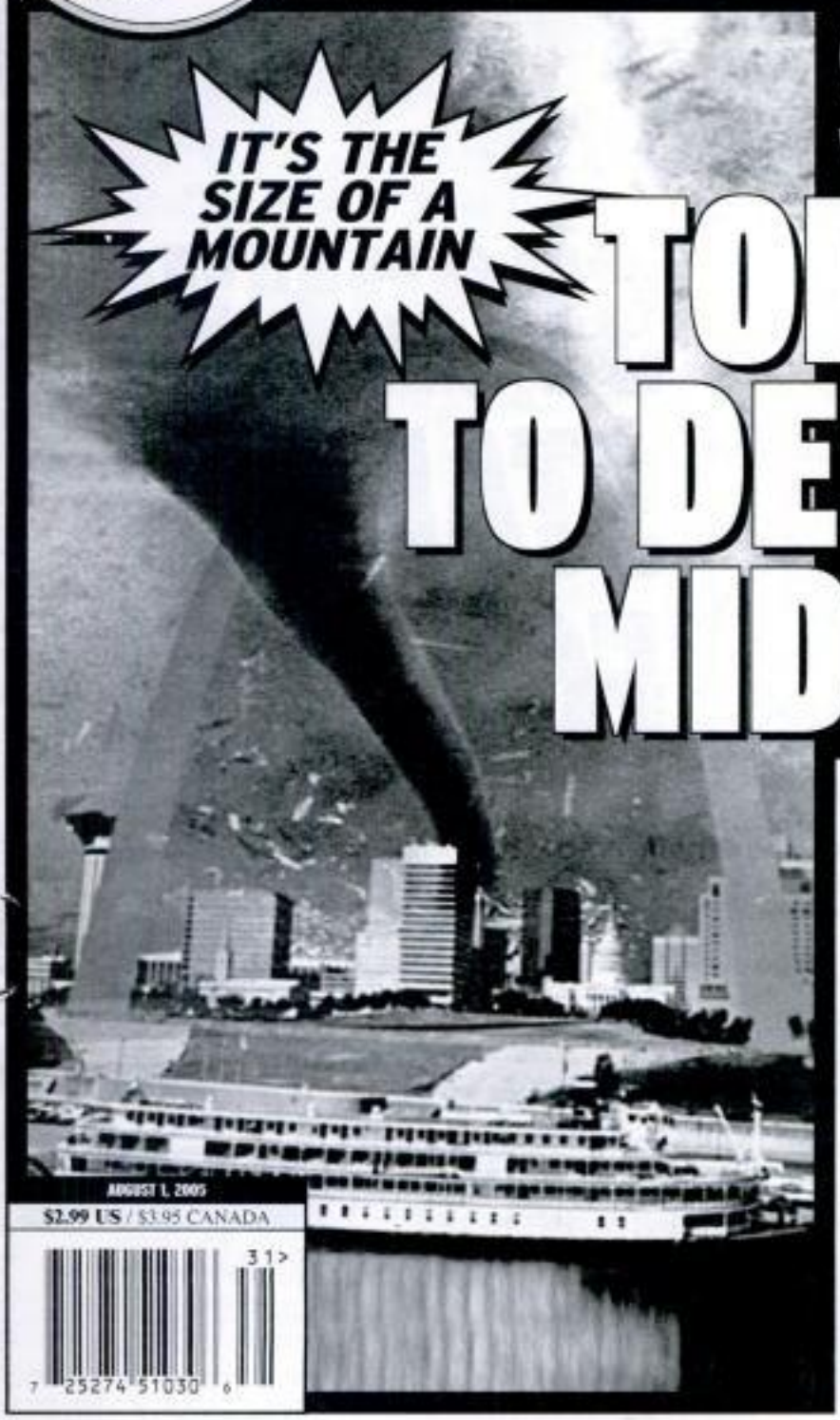

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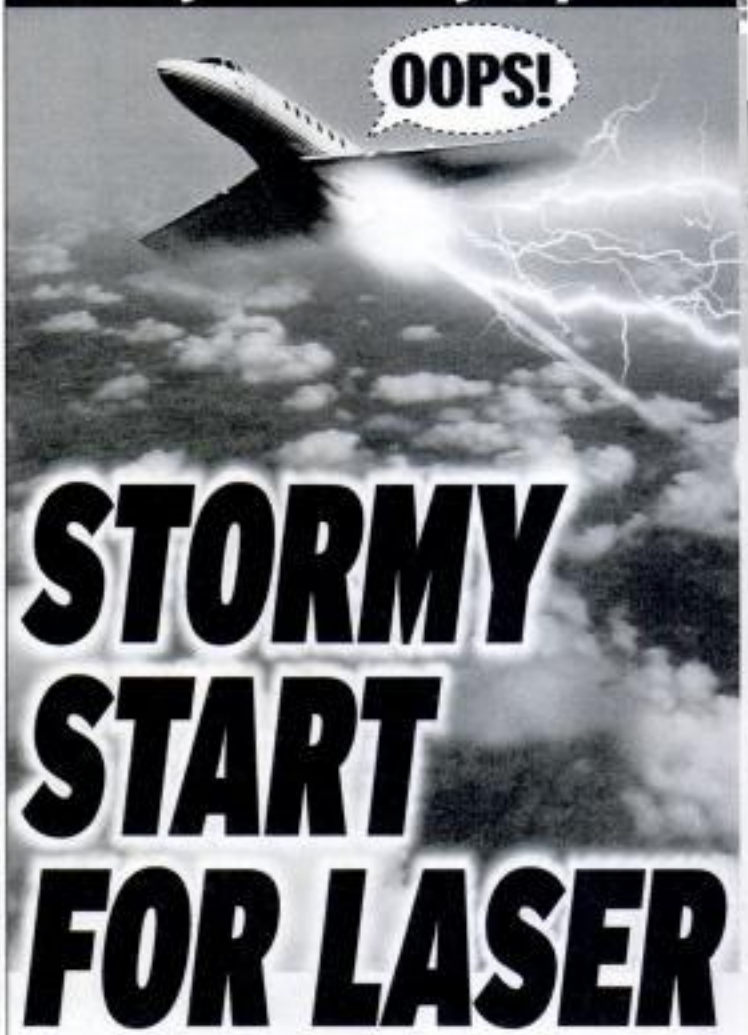

STORMY START FOR LASER

By NAN ANGSTROM

ORLANDO, Fla. — Entrepreneur Kit Banks is determined to give advertisers a powerful new voice. He has found a way to blaze their slogans across the sky in mile-wide letters.

"This is skywriting for the 21st century," Banks told *Weekly World News*. "Advertisers are fed up with traditional skywriting, rendered in plumes of white smoke, because the messages drift away before they're even completed. Our new system makes use of a laser projector — like the ones you might have seen in planetarium shows — mounted on a modified long-range jet.

"It's the world's only real Laser Jet Printer," he added.

According to technical reports issued by Banks' Sky-Scribe Corporation, most laser beams can be seen only when

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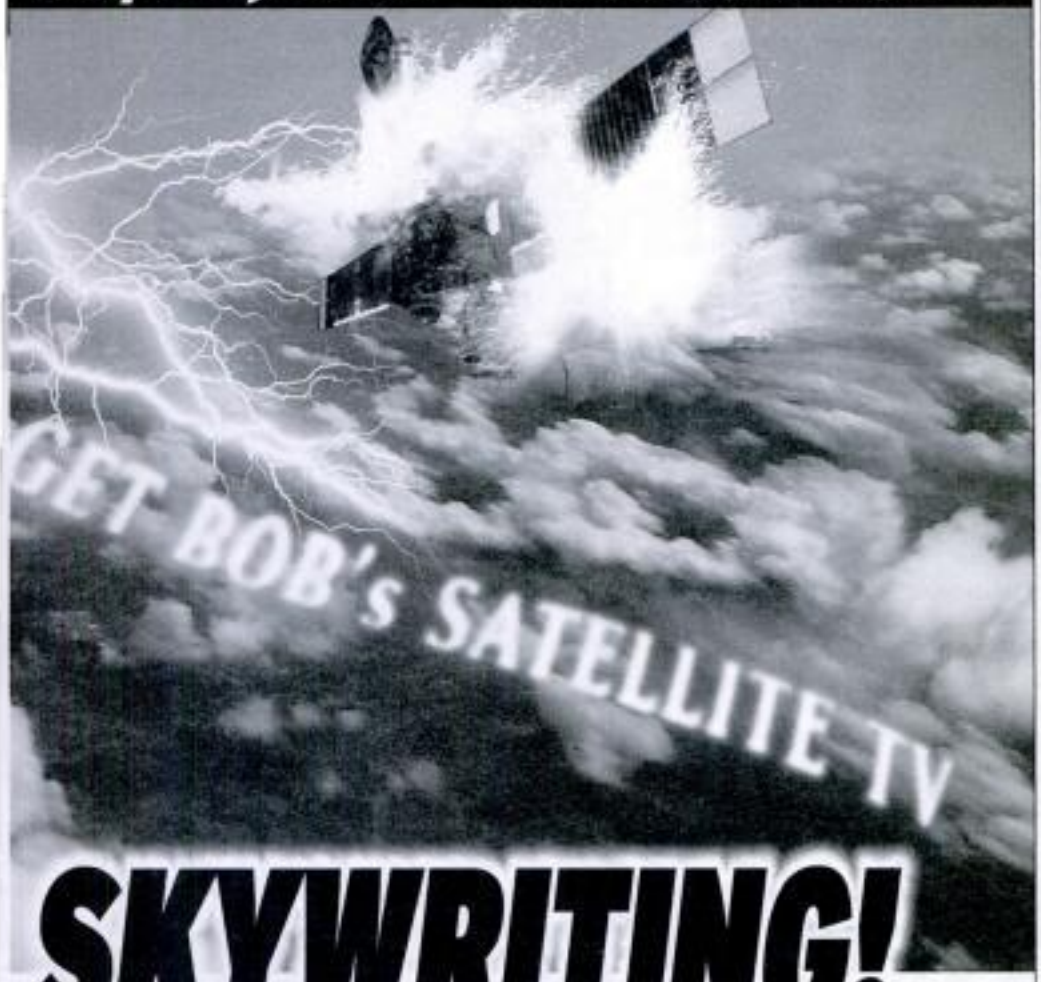

SKYWRITING!

they pass through dust, smoke or fog. But he has developed one powerful enough to be seen in thin air, day or night, under any weather conditions.

Unfortunately, a series of accidents has threatened SkyScribe's much-ballyhooed launch. During the maiden voyage of the Laser Jet, an ad for a satellite television service actually destroyed the satellite being advertised, which orbited — unluckily — a few hundred miles above the jet's ultrapowerful beam.

In its second failed effort, a laser-beamed ad for a major airline temporarily blinded six of the airline's own pilots, who were flying in nearby air-traffic corridors. All six flights narrowly avoided mid-air collisions.

Critics have taken out against the Laser Jet. Brenda Drub of the Change Your Spots! organization said: "We've spent our careers combating ads that promote sexism, ads that damage self-esteem, and ads that make people hate their bodies. Now we have to take a stand against ads that can actually kill people. It's insane!"

Banks is unfazed by the setbacks and challenges.

"Maybe planes should stop towing banners across beaches because those aircraft could crash," he huffed. "Or maybe we should abandon magazine ads because they cause paper cuts, or get rid of TV commercials because they contribute to eyestrain. Any start-up system is bound to has died as a result of a Laser Jet campaign. Once we get the kinks out, they'll be as safe as rainbows." He grinned. "One with a pot of gold at the end worth hundreds of millions of dollars."

CORRECTION

DUE to a typographical error, the word "smilodon" appeared as "smilidon" in the third column of our story "Saber Tooths Take a New Bite Out of Crime" (July 18, 2005).

In the same issue, in the story headlined "Moon Doomed!," *Weekly World News* quoted NASA physicist Dr. Tark Stasis describing the discovery of a deposit on the moon containing "... a deadly amalgam of U-238, plutonium and a super-heavy new element we've called black monolithium." But we neglected to

The New York Times HONORS Weekly World News

EDITOR Jeff Rovin, seen here at the White House, is a presidential confidant and the author of more than 10 *New York Times* best-selling thrillers.

ON JULY 1, 2005, the paper of record ran an editorial by the distinguished Thomas L. Friedman. The headline was "Follow the Leapin' Leprechaun."

The article itself – about European economic models – contains references to the future (the year 2010 is mentioned) and predicts what will happen between now and then.

The details are not important. What matters is that *The New York Times* has discovered what this newspaper has always known: That the world is run by strange forces and even stranger beings. On April 25, we were already telling our readers how the world economy was being impacted by leprechauns.

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LEPRECHAUN news was reported in WWW's April 25 issue.

Renowned paleontologist confirms . . .

Payiliasaurus lived during the 'JEWRASSIC PERIOD'

By TERRANCE ORRANCE

WHITE TAIL, Alberta — After years of digging in the dusty badlands of Alberta, Canada, a New Jersey paleontologist, Dr. Jeremy Hornschreiber, has just announced one of the most astonishing dinosaur finds of the century — a well-preserved trachodon skull wearing a skullcap with distinct forelocks next to what would have been its ears.

"This is the proof I've been searching for all my life," the 79-year-old Dr. Hornschreiber enthused. "These duck-billed dinosaurs, subgenus Orthoduxia, a.k.a. Payiliasaurus, clearly practiced an early form of Judaism. They lived around 75 million years ago during what I have tentatively called the Jewrassic Period."

Dr. Hornschreiber said there were several reasons for his long-held hypothesis that trachodons were Jewish.

"We have known for decades that they whistled through their nostrils in shofar-like blasts — ti-ti-ti-tiiiiiii," he demonstrated, alluding to the ram's horn blown during religious ceremonies.

"The dinosaurs had hollow,

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS

SOUND OFF!

IT'S NOAH'S SON'S FAULT!

DEAR EDITOR, I really wish Noah's second ark had survived (July 11, 2005). Ever since I was a young girl, I've always wanted a unicorn for a pet, and until now I never understood why my mother wouldn't get me one – there aren't any left. Noah's son killed them all.

I guess he didn't *technically* kill them, but close enough. It was his idea to keep all those beautiful creatures confined and caged up. No wonder they got mad and ravaged the ark. I would have too.

And it's not like he could stop them once they went off – no one would be dumb enough to get in the ark full of wonders sink into the ocean.

– Mallory Rowland, Nixa, Mo.

♦ ♦ ♦

Dear Editor, Looks like the whole runaway bride thing happens in Bigfoot land too, huh? I can't believe Bigfoot's bride took off (July 4, 2005)! Poor thing.

He just looks so sad in the picture and I can totally relate. My dog was supposed to marry my neighbor's dog, but the pooch-next-door ran away the night crushed. All I remember is his sad little puppy-dog face looking at me wondering where she was.

And Bigfoot must be feeling it even more. He's so big – his heart much be huge! Breaking that thing must be some real pain.

– Sandra Thiss, Hatch, Utah

ANALYSIS of the cellular structure of this newly discovered dinosaur's bones proves they kept kosher, never mixing milk and meat.

bony crests on their heads that served as amplifying chambers for the trachodon's resonant voice. The crests served another purpose: They held the skullcap in place since bobby pins had not yet been invented."

The scientist added that final proof came from analysis of the cellular structure of their bones, which makes it clear they never mixed milk and meat.

"Hornschreiber is a complete loon," said Dr. Paul Doherty, a paleontologist on the faculty of St. Aloysius University in Nevada.

"What he thinks is a skullcap is discoloration from centuries of water seepage and the forelocks are just moss. Besides, I happen to know that trachodons were probably Catholics. They mated for life, laid a bountiful supply of eggs every year, and their fossilized marrow shows they never ate fish on Fridays."

"Actually, both men are daft," said Dr. Charles R. Day of the New York Museum of Pre-History.

"Trachodons didn't eat meat or fish. They were strict vegetarians. These are, without a doubt, two of the most idiotic theories I've ever heard."

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SWEET STRIPES

SOMETHING tells us Angel Smith really is an angel — since she's just about as perfect as they come! She's incredibly blonde, incredibly blue-eyed and incredibly 34B-23-34. Nothing wrong with that . . . This California native says she likes

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor, As obsessed as people are lately with anime, I'm really not all that surprised that they're actually turning into animated characters (July 11, 2005).

But maybe it's not a bad thing. That guy *Weekly World News* ran a picture of who was half-animated was amazing. Japanese cartoons have such a distinct look, I think it'd be super-fun to be a character.

And I wouldn't mind meeting a hot animated girl either . . . They're all so perfect. It's like making your ideal woman.

– Henry Lynthe, Jobstown, N.J.

♦ ♦ ♦

Dear Editor, Your paper is wicked awesome! I love the *Weekly World News* Junior part. I bring it to class every week and Mrs. Dillon reads it out loud to us. All the other kids think I'm cool because I bring it in.

I love being cool. Everyone always wants to come to my house and I get to go to all the parties because I always get invited.

Before the *Weekly World News* Junior I was a big dork and people made fun of me. But when my mom said I should bring this to class, everything got better. Thanks!

– Petey Werner, Upland, Calif.

NIGHT WATCHMAN SUES OVER WORKING NIGHTS!

By SCOTT STEVENS

BEDFORD, Mass. – Bernard Kipley was hired to be a night watchman for the Sandover Construction Company – until the company told him that he'd have to work nights. When he refused, he was fired. Kipley sued the company – and amazingly, he won!

Five minutes after he had been hired, Kipley was informed that he would be working from midnight to eight a.m.

"I said, 'You're kidding me, right? I can't work nights. That's when all my favorite TV infomercials are on," Kipley said.

When Kipley refused the hours, the company immediately terminated him. Kipley then sued Sandover on the grounds that it discriminated against people who don't like working nights.

Surprisingly, Judge Judy Bench agreed with Kipley.

"Just as there's nothing that says a 'night watchman' has to be a 'man,' there's no reason a night watchman can't work during the day," the judge ruled.

Kipley's lawyer said, "Now I'm working on my next case, representing a private day

ANGEL BABY!

Cherubic child born with glowing halo

By JOHN E. THEREAL

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Dr. Haagwash was bringing a new life into the world at the Frankfort Medical Center when he saw an astounding sight.

"As the mother pushed, a light began to emanate from the womb," said Dr. Haagwash. "When the baby emerged he was crowned with a halo!"

As stunned doctors stood by, Marie Joseph took her son in her arms and basked in the golden glow.

"I've been blessed with an angel," she said tearfully.

Dr. Haagwash had never seen anything like it. "Was that really a halo on Paul's head?" he wondered. "And whatever its nature, was the glow benign?"

At first Marie was reluctant to have her son studied like a lab animal. She was content to accept the halo for what it was.

But Dr. Haagwash's concerns prevailed and Paul was sent to the Frankfurt Institute for Intriguing Phenomena.

"We knew it wasn't radioactive," said Dr. Allan Hasium, head research scientist at FIIP. "If it were, the radiation would have affected our equipment.

Dr. Hasium initially theorized that the halo was caused by friction.

"The baby was born with a full head of hair," he said. "Perhaps the friction caused by his passage through the birth canal created a static charge, like rubbing a bal-

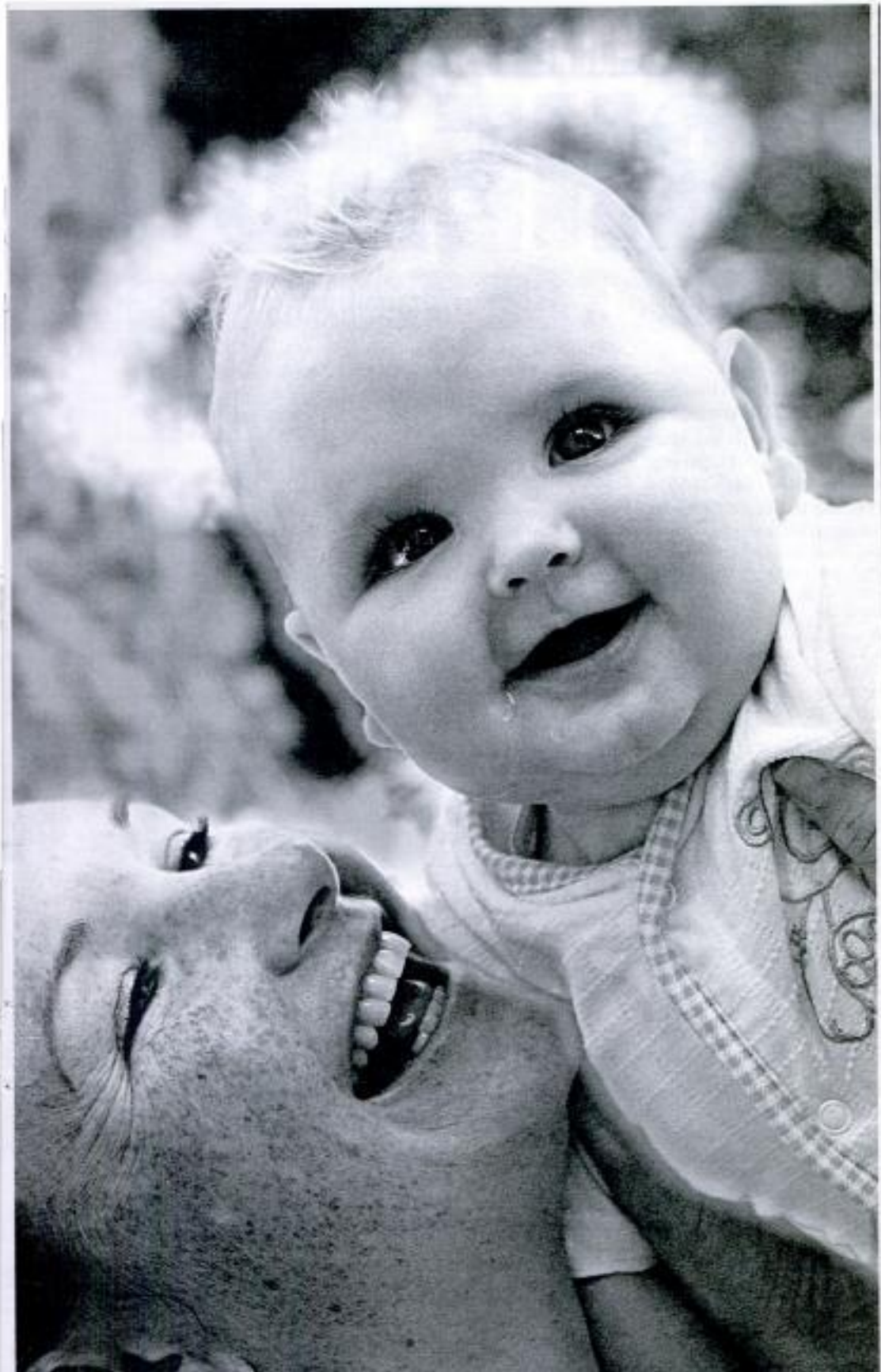
St. Elmo's fire," Hasium said, "superhot gas often seen clinging to objects during severe weather. We thought perhaps the mother had eaten spicy food before coming to the hospital but that turned out not to be the case. It also wasn't a byproduct of too much Gatorade, which has a natural glow to it. Marie never touched the stuff."

own like a remaining piece of umbilical cord.

"Either that, or it was a real halo," Dr. Hasium joked.

He told Marie to contact him if the boy exhibited any strange side effects.

Several months later, Marie called Dr. Hasium to tell him that her son was already walking.



INTREPID WWN TRAVELER

Does ordinary travel make you yawn? Been there, done that? Well, there are a few places you probably haven't visited. That's because they are the most difficult-to-reach places on earth.

By TERRANCE ORRANCE

ENTERPRISING Inuit in Canada's newest territory, Nunavut, have opened one of the world's most unusual restaurants.

A whale beached in Grise Fiord, Canada's northernmost community, died last year and was too big to haul back out to sea. Natives turned its head into a restaurant where they serve such local specialties as caribou, seal meat and musk ox.

Since this is the only restaurant in Grise Fiord (population, 130), the restaurant has become a community gathering place with a dart board, a pool table and other diversions. Hunters and fishermen stop in, tying their dogs outside. Pipe-smoking (which hides the smell of the rotting whale), beer drinking and conversation go on day and night.

You will witness the small children playing games such as 'mouth' (put your arm around the other's shoulder and one finger in the other's mouth and pull) and knucklehop (pretty much what it sounds like) while their elders wager on the outcome.

If you make it up to Grise Fiord, it would be useful to know a few phrases in Inuktitat, the local language. Kaaktunga (pronounced Kak-toon-ga) means "I am hungry." Qimuksikkuurumavunga (pronouced Kim-mook-sick-koo-roo-mah-voon-ga) means "I want to go by dog team." Kuvianak Inovia (pronounced Koo-vi-a-nak-in-o-vi-a) means "Merry Christmas."

Because surrounding seas are frozen 10 months out of the year, the restaurant is only open in June and July – but with 24 hours of daylight, you can drop in

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FROM THE WWN MEDICAL FILES:

AIRHEAD &

Behind the scenes with America's 'headless shrink'

By NICK JEFFRIES

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Dr. Suzanne Blankenship is a psychologist who specializes in treating patients with strikingly bizarre or unusual physical abnormalities.

"I am in a unique position to give my patients compassion, help, advice and encouragement because I, too, suffer from a rare physiological deviation. My condition is called Airhead Syndrome — an electromagnetic — optical illusion that bends light and makes my head invisible to the naked eye.

"But I can assure you my head is actually there. I counsel others like myself because I understand on the most visceral level my patients' pain and problems coping in a cold, often cruel, world."

With permission of her patient, the unique psychologist shared with *Weekly World News* notes from her Professional Journal, which her assistant transcribed from a recent taped session with 25-year-old LR*, a man who was born with 10 ears, grown in random spots on his arms, legs, torso and feet.

From the Professional Journal of Dr. Suzanne Blankenship.

Transcription No. 7985. Patient: LR/Tuesday July 5.

Problem: Came because feeling freakish and isolated.

DOC: How have you been since our last session?

LR: A little better, I guess. I took your advice and made a list of all the pros of being born with aural X — 10 ears.

DOC: What was at the top of the list?

LR: I can pick up subtle rhythm variations, nuances, mood and shades that 'normal' musicians can't possibly begin to imagine.

DOC: So this helps you feel good about yourself?

LR: Yes, I think it does.

DOC: How are you coping with the staring?

LR: Better. I suppose you've had to deal with that yourself, since it looks like you're headless.

DOC: Yes.

LR: I used to wear long pants and shirts and hats to cover up the ears on my arms, legs and forehead, but now I have the confidence to let the world see me as I really am. It's still a problem when little children point and scream . . .

DOC: But it's their problem. You have to remember they're kids. They do the same thing to someone who's missing a leg or arm or any more common abnormality.

LR: I know.

Doc: How about the dating problem we addressed last week?

LR: I don't know. I still can't believe anyone would want to date a guy with ears on his palms, elbows and ankles.

DOC: We discussed this. Beautiful is on the inside. And you're a beautiful person.

LP: I can hear a person's heartbeat. I know when they're lying to me — I know when they're scared. It makes me self-conscious.

DOC: You have to get past that by putting them at ease. As soon as you play your violin for a woman she'll fall madly in love with you.

LR: I played it for you.

DOC: That's right. It was magnificent, but we have a different problem. The one I founded, the D.P. — Different Physically?

LR: Yes. And there was this young woman there . . .

DOC: Tell me about her.

LR: Her name is Robin. She's an astronomer. She's short because she has no torso. Her neck is on top of her hips. She asked me to come to her observatory because my excellent hearing could help her pick up signals from space. She says there are all kinds of strange sounds but no one knows what they are.

DOC: Then go.

LR: You think I should?

DOC: Absolutely.

Session ended with patient feeling better about himself and eager to get on with his life. It took 10 months of repeating my message, but the man with 10 ears finally seems to have "heard" me.

*Patient's privacy is protected by not revealing his name.

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EARMAN

PSYCHOLOGIST
Suzanne Blankenship,
aka Dr. Airhead,

RIVAL EXERCISE GROUPS IN STREET BRAWL

By KIP LEWIS

CHICAGO, Ill. – A gang-related street brawl erupted in the heart of the business district last week. But it was not conventional gangs. Rival exercise groups clashed in Daly Plaza during their lunch breaks.

"They've been cutting through our territory on the way to their lame pilates, disrespecting our Tai Chi class," office worker Vanessa Paige told *Weekly World News*. "We like the open space in the plaza to do our movements."

Pilates spokeswoman Gloria Fryer said, "How much room does someone really need to wave their arms around? Tai Chi isn't even real exercise. It's like really slow charades. 'This is a bird,' 'This is a grasshopper.' Pilates rocks. Feel my abs."

Ed Hudson, who works for the Plaza Beautification Service, described the scene. "It was like a gang fight out of *West Side Story*, without the music and singing. A bunch of slap fighting ladies and older folks. All in great shape though."

Panicked lunchtime plaza patrons dove for cover as the air filled with flying exercise balls. Hudson said, "The pilates gals formed a line like the archers at Agincourt and sent a fusillade against the Tai Chi line. They used their resistance belts like slingshots. It was beautiful, yet deadly."

The precise and fluid Tai Chi body movements were useless against the onslaught. The Tai Chi gang was last seen pirouetting and horse-stancing their way up Michigan Avenue, leaving the pilates in command of the field.

"Just wait till next week, when the high-impact exhibition cheerleaders start training for the fall," Hudson said.

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DOZENS INJURED AT SEED-SPITTING CONTEST

By NIGEL FLEMING

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – In what can only be described as an event of sheer horror, dozens of people were injured at the annual Friendship Park watermelon seed-spitting contest.

Twelve of the wounded were rushed to Grotch Memorial Hospital with eye, nose and groin injuries sustained from speeding seeds. Many others were treated at the scene, where grief counselors were brought in to console the victims and their families.

Shocked contestants stood with rinds in their hands and juice dribbling down their chins. Curtis Winfield, 23, told us what happened.

"We were trying to break Harley Wilson's old distance record of 56 feet, 11 inches as we approached the line. Seven of us bit into our melons and got a mouthful of seeds. Then we all fired at once and this humongous gust of wind came from behind and sent our seeds flying like bullets."

Fifty-five-year-old Ernest Dickens relived the horror. "I was standing on the sidelines," he groaned. "Suddenly, this barrel-chested kid spewed dozens of seeds machine-gun style, hitting me in the face, neck and torso. I was knocked to the ground and covered in blood-red watermelon juice. Three tours of duty in Nam didn't prepare me for this."

Mary Hackenwiffle, a spokesperson for Friendship Park, said, "Until we complete a thorough investigation, there will be absolutely no spitting allowed on the grounds."

Outraged officials in Rhode Island are proposing a bill to ban watermelon-seed spitting. Whatever the outcome, spitters are

KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCKING

DEATH'S DOOR

Babe in business suit blocks hellmouth

By ALI GHERI

CORDILLA, Ga. — Five miles outside this tiny, rustic town is a small forest with a large cave and a massive iron gate.

"It's not a place you want to visit," theologian and paranormal researcher Danton Fernoe told us after returning to town. "Make sure your readers understand that.

"When I read that Satan visited this cave after tangling with Bigfoot (*Weekly World News*, July 25, 2005) I decided to check it out," said Fernoe. "I arrived and saw a woman sitting at a small table behind the gate. She was dressed in a business suit with a short skirt. There was a gold key and a laptop on the table, nothing more. She stopped playing computer Solitaire as soon as she saw us."

"Where's your escort?" the woman asked suspiciously.

Prof. Fernoe told her he didn't understand.

"Oh," the woman said. "You're not dead." She resumed her game of Solitaire. "Go away."

"Why?" he asked.

"Because this is Death's Door and I'm Petra," she told him.

Fernoe felt a chill. "Are you the guardian?"

"The one and only. I'm like St. Peter but without the Pearly Gates. Just these," she said, fingering a pearl necklace. "A gift from Satan for 2,000 years of devoted service. Now I suggest you move along."

"Why?" Fernoe asked. "If I'm not dead, how am I at risk?"

"I sit here 24/7 and, as you can see, there's not a lot to do," she said. "Sometimes, when I'm bored, I cause things to 'happen' just so I'll have a soul to process." She pointed to a boulder teetering on the ledge over the cave directly above Fernoe's head. "Get my meaning?"

"I do," Fernoe said, backing away. "A ques-

PETRA has no sympathy for the souls she admits into hell. "You should have thought about all this while you were busy embezzling or

Pearly Gates also 'death's door'?"

The woman shook her head. "Those are the doors to eternal life. There's a difference."

Theologically speaking, she was correct.

Suddenly, a voice came from deep in the cave. It was too dark inside to see who it was.

"Pssst. Petra!" the voice

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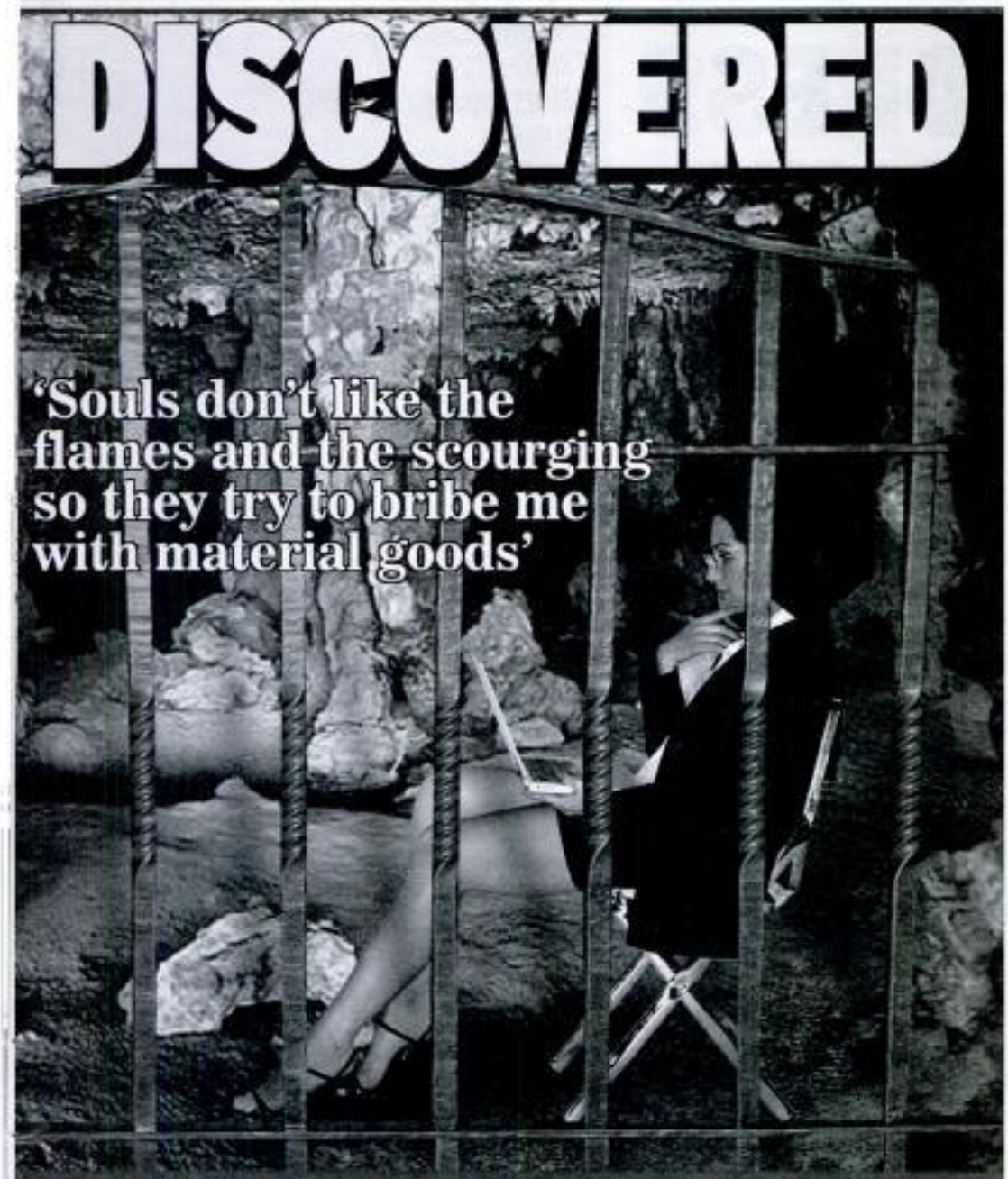

'Souls don't like the flames and the scourging so they try to bribe me with material goods'

it. You can have as much as you want!"

The woman rolled her dark brown eyes. "Float off before I text-message Satan to haul you away!" she warned.

Fernoe heard a whoosh. "Who was that?" he asked.

"A soul looking to get out." She pointed up. "They all want to go to the other place. They don't like the flames and the bars, try to bribe me with material goods. I even had one guy steal the Devil's pitchfork and try to snag the key. That got him 500 years in solitary. I tell them, 'You should have thought about all this while you were busy embezzling or murdering or claiming there were weapons of mass destruction when you knew there weren't any.' "

He noticed the glint in Petra's eye and decided it was time to go. As he left the woods Fernoe noticed souls drifting through the trees, accompanied by black-suited aides to the Grim Reaper. He felt bad for them.

"But, as Petra said, they should have considered that while they were alive," he said, then added, "Consider this a

UNFAIR TO LEMONS!

Growers demand respect for fruit

By MARK MILLER

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. – The days of referring to a bad car as a lemon may be coming to an end. The United Citrus Growers of America (UCGA) is lobbying Congress to pass legislation forbidding the use of the word to refer to cars with substantial defects. UCGA president Edward Newell explained why.

"Lemons have a sour taste, and having a defective car or product is a souring experience and that's how the term came about," he said at a press conference. "But lemons are also prized for their sour taste. So their sourness is a positive thing. And yet every time someone applies the term to a faulty product, it casts negative aspersions on this magnificent fruit."

After extensive research, the UCGA has selected sponge as the ideal word to describe a bad car.

"A sponge soaks up liquid just as a bad car soaks up your money," stated Newell. "Plus, it's always leaking liquid, just like a bad car leaks fluids. And sponges grow underwater, which is where most of these terrible cars belong."

A major publicity campaign is about to get underway to upgrade the public perception of lemons, revealed Newell.

"We have offers out to Angelina Jolie, Halle Berry and Pam Anderson to become Miss Lemon 2006," he said. "She will travel across the country as UCGA's goodwill ambassador, encouraging Americans to 'Put a Little Zing in Your Life.' "

So far, there has been no reaction from the North American Sponge Council.

In a related story, the U.S. Pork Council has introduced legislation to forbid law enforcement officers being referred to as "pigs" –

MY HUSBAND SAYS I DRESS LIKE A SLUT!

Hi, Dolly!

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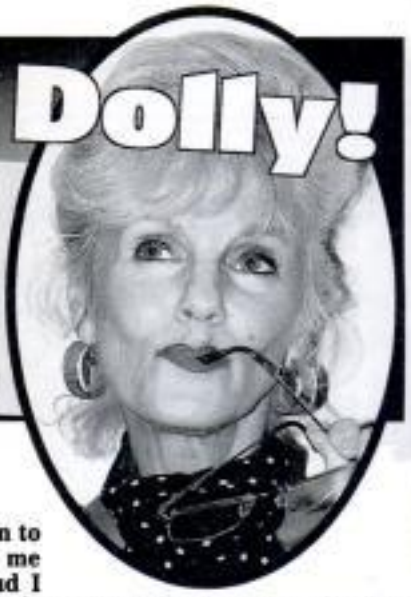

HI, DOLLY: I like to dress in sexy clothes but my husband says I look like a slut. — Angel in L.A.

Dear Angel: Sounds like your husband has a brain the size of a peach pit — and just as dense. Rip some pages from fashion magazines and hang them on the refrigerator where he'll see them. Everyone except the Queen of England looks like a slut these days.

It sounds to me like your husband is afraid you'll be too attractive to other men.

If he's insecure about his own sex appeal, tell him to hit the gym. Don't change your wardrobe unless you want to. If he keeps on criticizing you, think about changing husbands.

I'm tongue-tied!

Hi, Dolly: My daughter wants to get her tongue pierced. What do I do? — Marge in Detroit

Dear Marge: Fight your initial reaction to scream and cut your hair down to a fuzzy nub. Say, "That's nice, honey. Maybe we can go and do that together?" Having her mom want it will be so uncool she'll probably go to a movie instead.

I can't get my wife away from the boob tube!

Hi, Dolly: My wife watches TV day and night. She should pay more attention to me. — Barry in Phoenix

Dear Clueless Barry: How she spends her time when you're away is her own private business! If she's watching Desperate Housewives *at night, that should be a hint that you haven't exactly been entertaining her the way she likes, needs or deserves. Get on the ball before you become like that other TV show* — Lost.

All this rap music is making me crazy!

Hi, Dolly: My kids listen to rap all day and it makes me crazy. They play it so loud I can even hear it through their earphones! Help! — Lani in Omaha, Neb.

Dear Lani: Honey, you need to drown that noise out. Know whatcha do? Buy some opry — the Italian kind, not the good stuff — and play it real loud. That might not change your kids' taste in "music" but they'll probably leave the house so you can have some peace and quiet.

Help! I'm trapped in the Web!

Hi, Dolly: I'm addicted to the Internet while my husband is at work. When he comes home, I miss my chat room friends. — Bobbie in Dallas

Dear Bobbie: Addictions are tough to break because there's usually a good reason why we have 'em. Reconnect with your hubby. Invite him to join you in the chat room or start one with him.

You've got to get yourself back into the real world with real people, girl.

Should I go with Dick or Sam?

Hi, Dolly: I'm engaged to Dick and we're supposed to get married. But recently I met a guy named Sam and I can't stop thinking about him. What should I do? — Lisa in Peoria, Ill.

Dear Lisa: Call off the nuptials. Sam may not be the one, but Dick sure ain't it. When I met my first husband there was no question who hung the moon for me. (Too bad he had a roving eye and hands to match. Now he's on the run from me and a posse of gun-totin' husbands.)

YUCK!

SURVEY LISTS AMERICA'S LEAST FAVORITE ICE-CREAM FLAVORS

By MARK MILLER

SAN FRANCISCO – According to the International Ice Cream Association, the following are, in order of preference, the 10 most popular ice-cream flavors in America:

- Vanilla
- Chocolate
- Butter pecan
- Strawberry
- Cookies and cream
- Vanilla fudge ripple
- Praline pecan

That's the top of the ice-cream bowl. Then there is the bottom of the ice-cream bowl. Ice-cream industry expert Christine Soto was asked to determine the nation's least popular ice-cream flavors.

"I surveyed over 5,000 ice-cream parlors nationwide," popular ice-cream flavors in the country, but in the interest of science I tasted them all."

The 10 least popular ice-cream flavors in America are:

- Tomato marshmallow
- Pickle brickle
- Rum Trout
- Pralines 'n' pork
- Liver colada
- Beets jubilee
- Spinach 'n' sprouts sorbet

Soto remains amazed by these and some of the other flavors she encountered.

"The bizarre thing to me is that someone not only thought that a flavor like Rum Trout would be a big-seller to fisherman, but also managed to convince others that this was a good idea," Soto stated. "Many companies pumped an awful lot

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THE LEGEND OF BRIGADOOM

By TOBY DAMMETT

MOOREHEAD, Mass. — As I made my way through the low lying fog, I thought back to the fateful day when I first discovered the Legend of Brigadoom.

I was working the day shift in the *Weekly World News* morgue — that's 'library' in newspaper talk — when I came across a 300-year-old copy of the original *Weekly World News*.

That was back when it was *Ye Olde Weekly Colonial News*, founded three years before by Benjamin Franklin's uncle Stewie.

In the fragile, yellowed pages was a story so gripping, so strange that it bore further investigation. According to the article, witch trials had been held in the Puritan hamlet of Moorehead. A young milk maid, Gwendolyn Simone, had been accused of

They had grotesque, monstrous faces of indescribable horror

from 1705 reveal that Simone — described by witnesses as "a rather contrary, quarrelsome soul" — had been seen conversing with swine and cavorting with a mysterious fellow named "Mr. Scratch."

The town warned her that it was unseemly for a single lass of 18 years to be out at night with a strange man. She ignored their warnings and on the eve of the summer solstice in that year, all the milk in Purity County inexplicably turned sour.

That same night — while Simone walked outside a farm house — a pup inside was born "most devilish, an abomination at the stake "for being a witch most maleficent."

As it turned out, the villagers were correct about her. As the flames consumed Simone, she spat a final curse: That the village disappear into the mists of purgatory, only to reappear once every hundred years so the world could behold the inner and outer ugliness of the inhabitants.

A quick check of the morgue's files for *The New American Weekly News* in 1805 and *The New Century Weekly World News* of 1905 revealed that the cursed villagers of Moorehead did indeed return each century, appearing in paper, the ghostly villagers wreaked terrible revenge on any living being who crossed their path.

With the solstice fast approaching I realized that a photograph of the town would be my ticket out of the *Weekly World News* morgue straight to the news desk.

So there I was, creeping through the mists and moving closer to what I hoped to find: Moorehead, a town that wasn't on any map. A town that vanished three centuries before.

As I searched, torches suddenly appeared on the horizon. I crawled closer. The fires illuminated a stake where a witch was scheduled to die. In the background was the wavering, fog-enshrouded town from another time . . . though not from another place.

Were the legends true? The proof would be in the photo-

COLONIAL TOWN REAPPEARS EVERY HUNDRED YEARS IN THE WILDS OF NEW ENGLAND

who materialized behind me in the pale moonlight.

As I struggled with these examples of what *The New Century Weekly World News* of 1905 had called Puritans Resurectus, I got a good look at them. They had grotesque, monstrous faces of indescribable horror. Their unblinking eyes dripped blood and their bodies — the parts not draped in rotting garments — were covered with festering boils.

"Consign this hell spawn in devil's garb to the flames!" an unearthly voice wailed in my ear.

Either I had found Moorehead, or else I'd stumbled on a Marilyn Manson family reunion.

Quickly they trussed me up and set me on the stake. I found myself back-to-back with their first victim, the 318-year-old witch Gwendolyn Simone! As my eyes met hers I was overcome by her sheer, ageless beauty.

If only we had met in another time, another place, when we were

dle at my feet and almost at once my Nikes began to sizzle and melt. Simone's eyes looked longingly at me, streaming tears as the first rosy hues of dawn broke through the barren pines. Suddenly, possessed with fury and a clear desire to save me, she repeated the curse she had uttered those many centuries ago — "Let the town begone till a century may dawn!"

And suddenly I was no longer trussed, no longer aflame. I was alone in the morning woods as if it had all been a dream.

I had my story for *Weekly World News*, though I don't think I'll be leaving the morgue. Maybe it was the fire driving me a little mad, but in those few moments we shared, I fell in love with the long-dead witch.

All I have of her now is a woodcut from *Ye Olde Weekly Colonial News*. But I also have two goals. First, to stay here with the woodcut as long as I can. Second, to watch what I eat, jog every day, and stay out of trou-

ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH FAMOUS NAMES

By DORIAN WAGNER

CHARLES BROWN

Charlie Brown, 41, is an absolutely super neighbor in his small Fallston, N.C., community. He owns a huge red brick house and prides himself in always having the biggest, best Christmas tree in the neighborhood.

Every holiday season, Brown sends out for the perfect one. "I wouldn't dare go cut it down myself," he said. "The best trees come from tree farms, where they're grown to be big and beautiful. The ones you find in the forest are terribly pathetic."

Brown insisted that getting a tree from a mass producer in no way takes away from the Christmas spirit. "Actually," he said. "Being the best *is* what lifts my spirits."

MAXWELL SMART

Sun-kissed blond beach buddy Maxwell Smart is the ultimate surfer dude. He has no job, and no ambition to find one. "Dude, I might miss a totally awesome swell if I had to work."

In fact, this 28-year-old almost literally lives for waves. He never wears shoes and has no phone. "If you don't need shoes in the water, then I don't need them and if I want to talk, then I'll call you," is what he told us.

Ironically, however, Smart is very smart. He graduated from high school with a perfect 4.0 GPA and was voted "Most Likely to Solve the World's Problems."

MARCIA BRADY

Marcia Brady, 58, said she's been plagued by "ugly duckling" syndrome all her life. As an only child, she never had anyone to look up to and her parents never splurged on stylish clothes or haircuts for her.

"I've never had a boyfriend," she admitted. "And honestly, I can't think of a time where a boy ever even showed any interest."

Predictably, she's never been married. "I have mousy brown hair, wear tremendously thick glasses and have this awkward birthmark just to the left of center on my

MY AMERICA

BY ED ANGER

SO THEY WANT TO BE MARTYRS?

I'M MADDER than a camel dealer with sand fleas in his shorts over the continued insurgency in Iraq and the threat of terrorism in general.

Folks, just like every other red-blooded American, the war on terror and how it affects our families, our servicemen and our future has been weighing heavily on my mind. I think I have an answer — maybe *the answer* — to putting the enemy out of business for keeps.

Vice President Dick Cheney assures us that the bad guys are chomping at the bit to attack our blessed land with weapons of mass destruction. Now you'll hear some liberals whine about that, saying we shouldn't take it as a foregone conclusion, but hell, the way I see it, the VP's just being realistic. If a fox is determined to get into the henhouse, then he'll eventually find a way to do it, as my grandpappy used to say. These SOBs have attacked us before. Life — even their own — isn't worth spit to them. And that got me to thinking. Maybe we need to stop caring too. Maybe we need to give them a taste of their own mass-murdering medicine.

So why not start by peppering the mountains between Afghanistan and Pakistan with nuclear bombs? No warning: just let 'em fly the way they hiding out there, if not in the initial blast then in the fallout that follows.

Yep, it's an extreme solution — extremely effective, that is. Take a gander at WW2 — just two nukes stamped 'paid' on the Japanese war machine, by cracky.

After that, we go chase down the rest of the bastards. How?

Somebody knows where they are, whether it's in Syria, Indonesia or some other country. All we need to do is "persuade" them to tell us.

We've tried being generous — Dubya has already liberated *two* nations from tyrants, for the love of Pete, with Iran waiting in the wings. We've provided economic support and disaster relief to a boat-load of others. We've even offered rewards. But, like your typical freeloading, skateboarding, iPod-listening teenager, it just ain't working.

Folks, it's time to deliver an ultimatum.

The leaders of terrorist states know where the bad guys are hiding. Hell, they're probably paying the rent. Let's tell these jerks they've got 23 hours and 59 minutes to talk . . . then get the hell out of Dodge while we take them out. If the leaders refuse, they can use their last minute on Earth to pray before we blow them to the kingdom come they say they crave. Then we move to the next city. And the next. Until there are no more terrorists.

LET'S HELP 'EM OUT & NUKE 'EM ALL, SAYS ED!

Harsh? Yeah. Effective? You bet.

Now old Ed's not totally heartless. I feel bad for the innocents who may die, but if we choose our targets carefully we should be able to keep the loss of civilian life down to a bare minimum — say a few hundred thousand or so.

The thing is friends, just like in World War II, we didn't ask for this fight. We were sneak-attacked. The enemy will do it again if we don't stop them.

I just told you how. Hell, at least we're giving other nations a choice.

Who's it going to be: Them or us?

THE TRULY FRIENDLY SKIES!

PARIAH AIR

By SCOTT STEVENS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – New safety and other regulations have made it increasingly difficult for some people to board an airplane. Now a new airline is catering exclusively to these fliers.

The new airline, Pariah Air, announced, "We're the airline for the unwanted. If everyone else wants to 'ground' you, come fly with us."

Pariah president Robert Grossman said, "Other airlines recently banned people with body odor. Other airlines charge you for two seats if you're obese. You can be a thousand pounds, and on Pariah, you'll only pay for one ticket. If you're a chain smoker, you can puff away on our planes.

"There are passengers whose names show up on the 'no-fly' list because they're considered a security risk. We'll take that risk. Ninety-nine percent of the time, it's a mistake, anyway."

Grossman continued, "The fastest growing segment of the population is undesirables – people the other airlines simply

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THE FURTHER EXPLOITS OF AMERICA'S GAY HERO

BLOWIN' IN THE WIND WITH MISS ADVENTURE

By DREW SULLIVAN

'I need a breeze – and it better be a stiff one!'

TEANECK, N.J. — It isn't always lucrative being an adventurer who often dresses as an adventuress — even when you're Miss Adventure, the Gayest American Hero.

For every moneymaking enterprise Kevin Andrews has undertaken, there have been exploits that haven't put a penny in his coffers.

Thus, when Andrews and his friend and mentor Danny "Dee Dee" Romano decided to pull up stakes, buy a mobile home, and hit the high road to danger, they found themselves without the wherewithal to accomplish their goal.

The solution? Another race — this time in a balloon!

"One thing you can say about Dee Dee," Andrews told us, "is that he's extremely friendly. Whenever he's missing for a few hours I only have to look under the nearest neighbor to find him.

"He knows men in all walks of life, walking all sorts of streets. So it didn't surprise me when he suggested we enter a coast-to-coast balloon race and added that he'd already found us a sponsor."

Romano had known Fred Nickles since childhood. Nickles was the genius behind Nickles' Notions and Novelties, purveyor of such items as X-ray specs, black gum, itching powder and trick handcuffs. In fact, Dee Dee had been the first trick on whom Nickles had tried the cuffs. The company's most popular offering was without doubt the world's loudest and rudest whoopie cushion, known to aficionados of practical jokes as Frootie's Tootie.

In recent years, thanks to kids who are more preoccupied with creating computer viruses and on-line flame wars instead of slipping whoopie cushions under peoples' seats, Nickles' Notions and Novelties had fallen on hard times.

The company needed to promote itself back into the big time, and Frootie was fired by Dee Dee's idea to finance a gigantic hot air balloon based on the scientific principles inherent in Frootie's Tootie — and to hire Miss Adventure to pilot it from New Jersey to the winner's circle in San Francisco.

Andrews, who had been a cross-dresser since childhood, chose an appropriate wardrobe ("I went with the classic aviatrix look of Amelia Earhart, rendered in black leather and silver lame.") and bought some Dramamine.

Ominously, on the day of the race, the morning mail brought an ill wind in the form of a poorly scribbled note from the dastardly fiend who'd tried to kill Andrews on two previous occasions — the Mashed Marble! As always, the villain's atrocious script was almost indecipherable, but Andrews got the gist of it.

"The note read, 'What goes up must come down,'" Andrews recalled, "which proved conclusively that the Mashed Marble wasn't anyone I'd ever dated. After reading the note Dee Dee was for calling it quits, but I refused to let the mean old baddie bust my balloon. He was just a loser blowhard. I, on the other hand, had been successfully blowing hard for most of my adult life.

"That afternoon, at the fair-

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THE BIG PICTURE

Frootie's Tootie

Nickles' Notions & Novelties

Tootie. The crowd roared and I heard someone cry out, 'Will you look at the size of the basket on that son of a gun?' Naturally, I started to thank him, but then I saw he was pointing to the wicker basket beneath the balloon."

As Miss Adventure boarded the Tootie, a fan presented him with a large tin labeled "sharp cheese." Then, unexpectedly, the balloon took flight before Romano could climb aboard with provisions.

Andrews was swiftly borne away as Romano made the shocking discovery that the fan — undoubtedly the Mashed Marble — had cut through the mooring ropes and sent the big bag of wind hurtling skyward.

Weekly World News learned what happened next thanks to Miss Adventure's diary, which was found days later in an Oklahoma cornfield.

According to Andrews' desperate scribbles — which still included his distinctive dot-the-i smiley faces — the hero grew hungry after several hours of flight.

He opened the tin of sharp cheese only to have a sharp, spring-loaded knife shoot from within and puncture the balloon.

"The Tootie began to plummet toward the ground far below," Andrews wrote. "There was nothing left for me to do but put my mouth over the hole and puff as hard as I could to keep it aloft. It's a good thing I've learned to

widened, Andrews tried desperately to remain airborne by removing his clothes and using them to cover the hole.

It was a mostly nude Miss Adventure who accidentally invaded restricted air space over the White House in Washington, D.C. Jets were scrambled, causing Miss Adventure to climb on the lines and wave to them — quite a feat, since he was holding on with both hands.

At that point, however, the balloon ripped further, gave vent to the ribald wheeze for which all whoopie cushions are famous and, propelled by the wind, shot out of sight.

The entire affair created quite a stir. Lost in the hubbub was the sad fact that Kevin Andrews had vanished without a trace.

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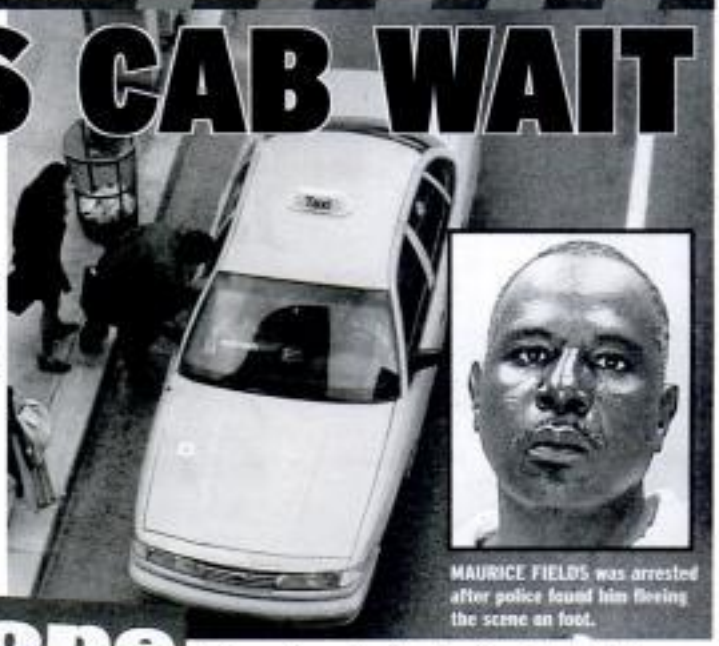
POLICE BEAT

MAN MAKES CAB WAIT WHILE HE ROBS BANK



MAURICE FIELDS was arrested after police found him fleeing the scene on foot.

By DORIAN WAGNER
Crime Reporter

COLUMBIA, S.C. — So maybe using a taxicab as a getaway vehicle isn't the smartest thing after all.

At least that's the experience Maurice Eugene Fields Jr., 50, had. His whole plan fell apart thanks to a quick-thinking cabbie and some tenacious bank customers.

Police said Fields called for a Checker Yellow taxi to pick him up at a bus transfer station. Veteran cab driver Michael Airs arrived shortly and drove his fare to South Carolina Community Bank.

According to Checker Yellow general manager Peyton Greene, trips from the bus station to the bank are very common.

After arriving at the destination, Fields asked Airs to wait for him while he stepped inside for a minute.

Once inside, a teller recalled Fields inquiring how much money was needed to open an account. After receiving his answer, he quietly stood in line to wait his turn.

When he approached the counter, however, it quickly became clear he had no intentions of doing honest business. Sgt. Dana Oree of the Columbia Police Department said Fields pulled what the FBI calls a "note job" and produced a handwritten note demanding money.

dope of the week

Fields "walked out of the bank with a fistful of money," she added, but would not disclose the exact amount.

Once outside, Oree said Fields attempted to get back in the cab, but a witness screamed to the driver: "Hey, that man just robbed the bank! Don't take him anywhere!" Airs, whose been driving for Checker Yellow since 1990, responded by simply removing his keys from the ignition and getting out of the car.

Realizing the taxi was no longer his way out, Fields fled on foot, followed closely by another bank customer witness.

After a fast-walking pursuit, he allegedly stopped in his tracks, gave the money to the pursuing customer and pleaded, "Just let me go."

But it was too little, too late. Three police cruisers closed in and Fields gave up without resisting and was charged with bank robbery.

The cabbie was commended for his quick-thinking, but police advised citizens to be wary of getting personally involved in crime busting.

The obvious, however, was left unsaid: Bank robbers should really have more reliable transportation.

CRIME BLOTTER

GUNMAN: MY JEANS WERE TOO TIGHT

A Belle View, Pa., man told police the only reason he pointed a gun at them was because his jeans were too tight.

Sean Eldon Duvall, 36, was arrested after cops found a .38 caliber revolver hiding between several magazines in his car. Duvall insisted he had a permit to carry a concealed weapon, but couldn't conceal it properly in his pants — as he is required — because they were too tight for the gun to fit comfortably in his pocket.

Police Detective Sgt. James noticed the badly-concealed weapon. Duvall, however, felt he had done a good enough job of concealing it by sandwiching it between the publications.

"The magazines were the bread and the gun was the meat," he explained.

Sgt. Rega arrested him anyway and he was charged with aggravated assault and reckless endangerment.

MAN SINGLE-HANDEDLY CAUSES RISE IN CRIME

This is precisely why you should never underestimate the power of one.

Jason Wines is single-handedly responsible for raising the crime statistics in the quiet California town of Thousand Oaks. The 25-year-old

thefts and burglaries in the past year, which is — according to officials — about half of the city's increase in major crimes.

Wines pleaded guilty to eight

ONE-YEAR-OLD ARRESTED

A one-year-old baby was arrested and jailed overnight in Mexico.

Police said the baby was taken to prison after his father, Roger Sagundo, was found trying to rob a supermarket. Sagundo stuffed six bottles of vodka in the baby stroller and allegedly tried to wheel it out without paying.

"The policeman who got there first thought it was the right thing to do to list the baby as an accomplice, because the bottles were in his trolley," said a police spokesperson.

"Father and son were sent to prison, but only in the next morning

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS EXCLUSIVE

DWARF DRACULA

KNEE-HIGH ANKLE BITER TERRORIZING SEATTLE!

THOUGH the bitsy bloodsucker may be cute, he's still very dangerous, experts say.

By KIP LEWIS

SEATTLE, Wash. — Emergency room physicians in this great northwestern city have been dealing with a rash of patients suffering from strange ankle bites. Dr. Scott Moore, an internist at Seattle General Hospital, told *Weekly World News*.

"Initially, we worked on the theory these were some sort of insect bites. We discovered that all the patients had recently been for walks through the botanical garden and crossed over the troll bridge."

Scientists from the Seattle School of Entomology were dispatched to the arboretum. What they found was no insect.

Dr. Jane Simons told *WWN*, "I was crossing the troll bridge with my bug net when 'he' popped up in front of me. I've seen enough horror movies to know right away that this fanged, caped man was a vampire."

Except the mini-vampire was only three feet high.

Dr. Simons said, "No wonder he could only bite ankles." She slammed her net over him but he chewed right through and vanished into the thick foliage.

Dr. Simons' discovery brought a flurry of scientists to Seattle to study the diminutive Dracula. In an attempt to explain the presence of the little guy, Dr. Moore said, "A dwarf strain of vampires has long been rumored.

"Around the world we have found evidence of discarded ammunition boxes being used as small coffins and wooden stakes as small as toothpicks. So we knew there were some little guys out there."

Regarding the discovery in Seattle, Dr. Orr said, "While vampires are nocturnal, the perpetual grayness of the Pacific Northwest seems to have provided this little fellow with a welcome shield from the sun."

When asked how the native from Transylvania might have ended up in the Seattle botanical garden Dr. Orr said, "I suspect he was accidentally transported in a box of Romanian dirt. The garden uses native plants and soil and Dr. Simons reports a lush growth of Romanian lilies."

Dr. Orr indicated the bite from this pocket-sized beast caused only low-grade reactions in his victims but also added, "This small-scale sucker is still highly dangerous even though he is sort of cute — like a baby crocodile is cute."

Arboretum officials are at a loss as to what to do with the diminutive plasma thief.

"Attendance has been way up since the discovery," said director Flora Bush. "We have posted warning signs but, frankly, people like to be scared. Nobody ever lost money giving the public what they want. And to be honest, we need the money. Maybe we can put a moat along the paths," Dr. Orr suggested.

"That should protect the public but still give them a thrill when the vampire pops up and nips at their heals."

Doggy bags go to the dogs

By NIGEL FLEMING

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – A new law recently passed by the California legislature mandates that only dogs can consume food brought home in doggy bags.

"It's about time," said animal activist Sally Morrison. "Those things are called doggy bags, not people bags."

Pet owner and trash collector Sam Holiday, 46, isn't happy. "Picking up garbage all day works up my appetite," he said, "so when I bring home leftovers, they're mine. If my dog Fluffy gets a job, then she can eat

Holiday don't take what's due their dogs, waiters have been instructed to hand leftovers only to doggy-bag guards, who escort the goodies home with customers.

The food is given directly to the dogs, who are free to eat the treats under the watchful eyes of the guards.

"If the animals don't seem interested, the food goes back to the restaurant for delivery to an animal shelter," said Morrison.

"The law has been good for business," said restaurateur Arne King. "Since the law was enacted, people have been ordering more 'dog-friendly' bone-food like steak and lamb chop. It costs them more but, at

THE STONE GIANT OF MASSAPEQUA

WEEKLY WORLD EXCLUSIVE NEWS

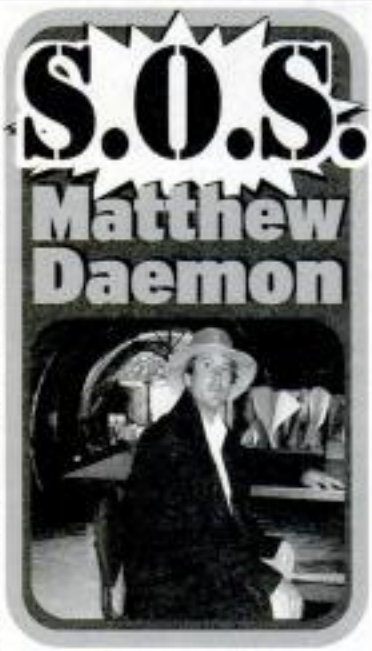
By DICK SIEGEL

MASSAPEQUA, Long Island — In a far-flung suburb of New York, a creature made of living rock has been terrorizing residents.

"I was driving on the Long Island Expressway late one night, heading home from Jones Beach, when I saw it," said Willet Point, whose local firm manufactures bowling balls. "There was a creature like a big cigar store Indian head only made of rock. The big head was supported by a stone body. It stopped in the middle of the highway like a deer caught in my headlights. I honked the horn and crushed the brakes as the creature darted into the park on the other side."

Housewife Mrs. Liliana Manetti wasn't as lucky. "I was hanging the wash in my backyard," said the craggy-faced woman. "As I clasped the last clothespin, I noticed two large unblinking brown eyes staring at me between the wet sheets and the line.

"Suddenly two large paws made of rock reached for me. I screamed and ran for the enclosed patio!"



Reports of the stone man flooded local law enforcement, according to patrolman Richard D. Ayers, who was called to the scene. "I knew at once the rock creature was out of our league," he said. "Good thing I'm a regular reader of your paper. I knew who to call."

Matthew Daemon, SOS (Seeker of Obscure Supernaturals) was quickly on his way by train from his secret headquarters beneath Grant's Tomb in New

thoughtfully. "But why is he here?"

"Why is who here?" Ayers asked.

Instead of responding, Daemon asked for local construction permits and found what he was looking for. "Officer Ayers, bring me the head of Vincenzo Rosetta!"

Within minutes, the owner of the Vincenzo Rosetta Construction Company was sitting in the Massapequa police station. Daemon asked what Rosetta knew about the stone.

"Two days ago, I came across this funky looking rock jutting out from the weeds in a vacant lot," Rosetta told Daemon and Ayers. "I thought I could use it to border a patio we were building, so I chipped a chunk off to check the color next to the house."

"Obviously, you chiseled his head and woke him up," Daemon remarked.

"Whose head?" Ayers asked.

"No time to explain," the monster hunter said to Ayers. "Get me some rock candy, high tensile steel line, twenty 10-foot weather balloons and a tank of helium!"

"What are you going to do?" Ayers asked.

"Give the boulder boy what he wants," Daemon replied.

Daemon sprinkled little pieces of rock candy near where the monolith monster had last been sighted, off the Long Island Expressway by the Balboa Boulevard off-ramp. Soon the stone giant emerged from he laid eyes on the giant.

The stone man followed the trail to a large mound of the clear sugar treat.

Suddenly Daemon leaped from where he was hiding with Massapequa's finest.

"Now!" he yelled as the giant stopped to eat. Massapequa police rushed forward, wrapping the high tensile steel cords around the startled creature. With several men on each cable, they were able to hold the rock man stationary. When he was secured, other officers attached the weather balloons to his arms.

Quickly inflating the balloons with helium, the men watched as the stone giant rose into the sharp blue skies over Long Island. The granite titan was quickly carried away by the powerful winds of the jet stream.

A clueless Officer Ayers asked Matthew Daemon to explain what had just happened.

"Something long overdue," he explained. "When I examined the Rosetta stone fragments, I recognized the metamorphic structure as porous, volcanic rock unique to the seas west of Chile.

When I saw the creature my suspicions were confirmed: It was the poor, confused offspring of the legendary giant stone men of Easter Island. It probably thought Mrs. Manetti was its mother."

"I heard that!" the woman shouted angrily.

'I knew at once the rock creature was out of my league'

– Officer Richard D. Ayers

THE STONE monster stopped in the middle of the highway like a deer caught in headlights.

poor fellow was buried in a landslide and ended up here. If you look at the heads of Easter Island giants, I believe you will find they are looking in this direction, watching for the pebbled son who never returned."

"Astonishing!" Ayers declared.

"Yes, but there will be a happy ending," Daemon assured him. "The jet stream will return the lad to his native habitat for a somewhat rocky mother and child reunion."

With that, Daemon returned

MONSTER

10,000 CHINESE DIED IN SECONDS AND . . .

IT WILL HAPPEN HERE, SAY EXPERTS

By DICK SIEGEL

SHANGHAI, China — Last week, what the Chinese government is secretly describing as "a super-monster tornado the size of a mountain" ripped through the Hunan Province in China.

It generated a path of death and destruction unparalleled in history. Worse, scientists predict it will happen here!

UN rescue teams and scientists from the Federal Oceanic Atmospheric Administration have pieced together the story from the few citizens who escaped the deadly vortex.

"I was just finishing dinner when I heard a thunderous roar," miracle survivor Hubei Ma Chu, a Shashon villager told *Weekly World News* through a translator. "The weather had been oppressive all day — the air was so humid you could actually feel the weight of the water.

"Suddenly, a violent thunderstorm then erupted over the Wuling Mountains. Lightning crashed against the peaks. And then I saw it — a gigantic swirling vortex, a monster tornado the size of a mountain! The funnel was 10 kilometers wide and it was heading right at me!"

Giant hailstones began raining from the skies, utterly destroying barns and killing livestock. Ma Chu and his family hurriedly barricaded themselves in the basement, praying the tornado would safely pass over them.

But the monster tornado was unforgiving. It moved across the farm, splintering every structure, and

THE SUPER-MONSTER tornado left 10,000 Chinese dead and thousands more homeless.

he went spinning up into the turbulence.

Days later, Ma Chu was found clinging to a tree some 20 miles away. The rest of his family is still missing.

"I don't know how I managed to stay alive," he said, choking back tears.

"It registered a staggering and unprecedented F-7 on the Pearson-Fujita scale, which is like the Richter scale for earthquakes," FOAA scientist Dr. Gardner F. Thompson told *WWN*. "The wind speeds were more than 600 m.p.h. — that's nearly double the most powerful tornado ever recorded.

"According to the path of destruction — and the few surviv-

mountains to the West, sucking up village after village."

It was finally stopped when it reached the Convergence of Four Rivers at Lake Dongting, the largest body of water in the province. "It sucked up kilo-liters of lakewater," said Thompson. "Overwhelmed by the weight of the liquid, the tornado collapsed and then dissipated as fast as it had been created."

But the damage had already been done. More than 10,000 people died in 20 minutes. The Chinese government declared a state of emergency and sent a global SOS for relief. The International Red Cross and UN were soon on the scene, though all of the agencies agreed to keep news of the storm quiet.

"The reason is simple," Dr. Thompson said. "Due to global warming, the El Niño effect — the heating of the world's oceans — will grow more powerful. As it does, warm air from the seas and frigid air from the poles will produce more and more of these super-twisters. Computer models suggest that similar unstable weather patterns will strike parts of Spain, Mexico — and the American Midwest, sometime this August.

"I suggest we begin preparing for the unthinkable now," Dr. Thompson concluded. "Underground shelters need to be dug deeper and heavily reinforced, and a satellite-triggered early warning system needs to be put into place

"Most of all," he added, "we have to cut back on the burning of

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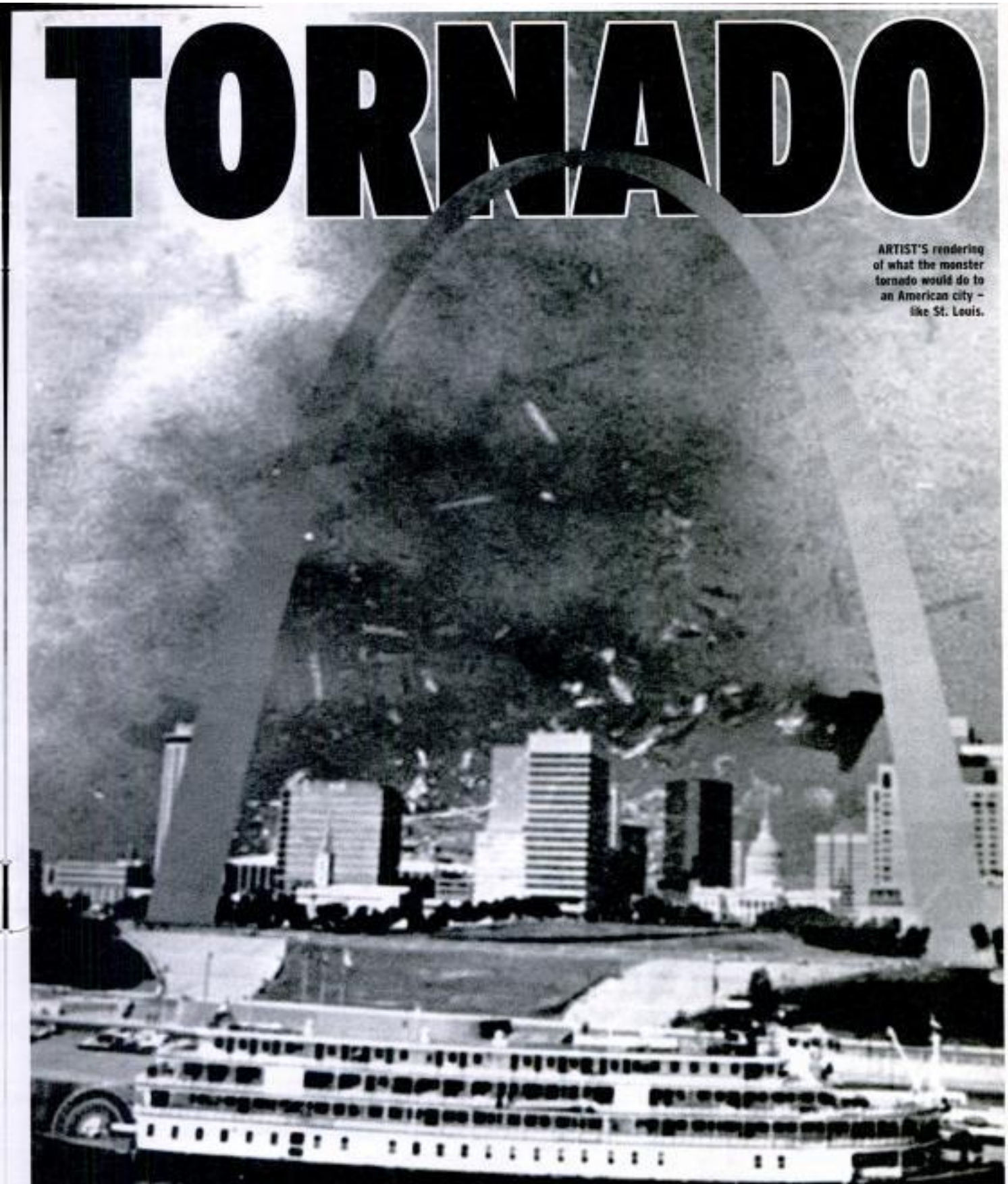

ARTIST'S rendering of what the monster tornado would do to an American city – like St. Louis.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

By DORIAN WAGNER

1955

Sweet revenge

Scientists discovered the remains of a previously unknown creature – an anteater-eater. This oversized animal had an uncanny resemblance to the average black ant, yet was believed to have weighed nearly a ton. Initial thoughts were that it ate anteaters.

"Without performing any in-depth analysis, we noticed a bulge in its belly," said excavation coordinator Sanford Biggins. "The shape of the bulge was characteristic of the shape of an anteaters – a plump middle with an elongated snout."

Biggins said his team came to that conclusion because previous digs in the same southeast Asian region turned up piles of anteater remains. "We assumed the feast the beast had eaten was indeed an anteater, so we called him an "anteater-eater."

No other discoveries of anteater-eaters have ever been made. The remains Biggins dug up were preserved for years in a federal storage facility, but were misplaced, lost or stolen sometime after the Reagan administration.

1892

Green is good

Three witches went out for dinner and had their meals completely paid for by the restaurant because their skin was green. The manager

Giant ants terrorized helpless anteaters

across the room," said the London steakhouse manager. "I didn't even ask any questions. I just told the waitress we'd take care of them so I don't lose my business."

When the witches eventually asked for their bill and were told it was already paid, they cackled and flew out of the restaurant before the manager could realize his mistake. The broomsticks they rode out on eventually gave them away. They were too quick to be caught though, and the fooled manager was left to lament his costly mistake. "What a bunch of stupid witches," he muttered.

1987

What will be, already was

A man who claimed to be a descendant of Nostradamus woke up from a deep 234-year coma and predicted the extinction of the dodo bird. "A little late, dude," said the attending nurse. "Looks like you're the dodo. Those things are already gone."

His next 32 predictions were all old news too.

Yestradamus, as he called himself, apparently fell into a coma long ago after stepping in front of a horse he failed to see coming. The horse tried to steer clear, but unfortunately the poor predictor was already trampled.

He was moved from one care facility to the next for more than two centuries. His case was taken to court several times over the years to have his feeding tube removed, but each time the decision was made to have him hang on "in case he had something Earth-saving to say when he comes to."

Rumors spread like wildfire that his specialty was in predicting imminent attacks and premature baldness. So far, however, nothing he'd said had been newsworthy.

"I could pick up a darn encyclopedia and spew off the same stuff he's predicting right now," the nurse said. "I told

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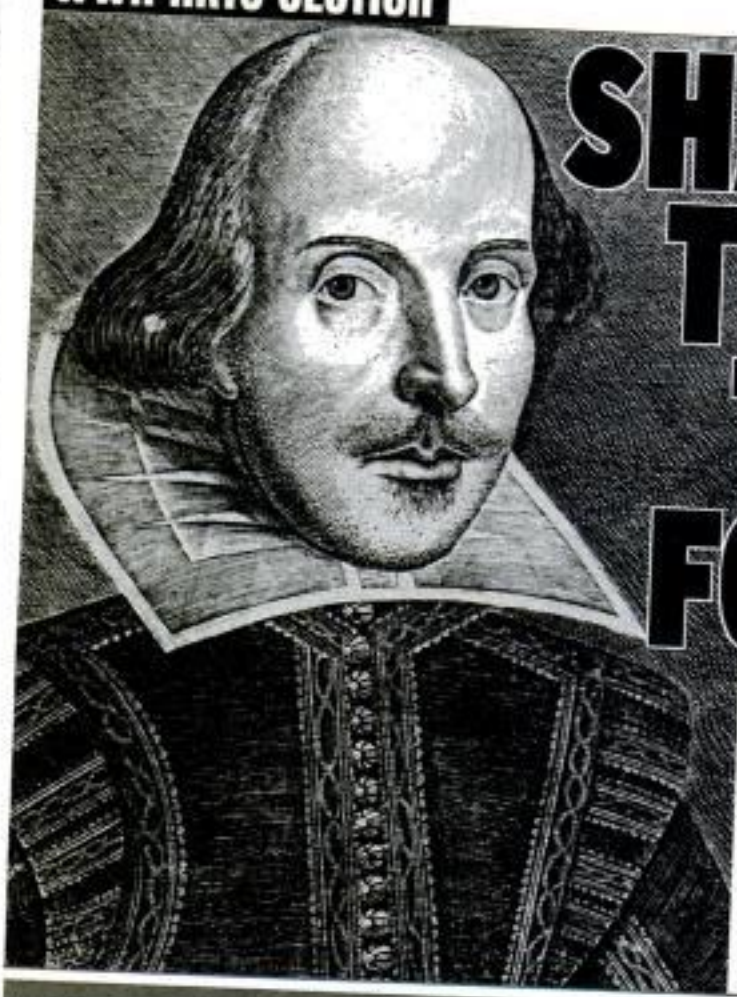


SHAKESPEARE TRANSLATED TO HIP-HOP FOR TODAY'S STUDENTS!

By MARK MILLER

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Although Shakespeare is considered to be the greatest writer in the English language, today's students often resist reading and appreciating his work.

This stems primarily from the Elizabethan language, which students perceive as outdated,

ART EXPERT DETERMINES PICTURE'S WORTH ONLY 923 WORDS!

By MARK MILLER

NAPLES, Italy – For centuries, the axiom, "A picture's worth a thousand words," has been accepted as the truth. "People felt that the typical painting was so filled with imagery, symbolism, and meaning that it would take 1,000 words to describe what was going on," explained Luigi Donatello, 61, curator of the The Pio Monte della Misericordia Art Gallery. "I've always wondered if that were true or whether people simply had a fixation for that big, clean number."

Over a five-year period, Donatello recruited thousands of art-lovers. He asked them to study five different paintings and write down all their thoughts and feelings. The paintings were: Da Vinci's Mona Lisa, Van Gogh's Starry Night, Whistler's Mother (Arrangement in Grey and Black), Michelangelo's Creation of Adam, and Gainsborough's The Blue Boy.

of words used in each, and averaged the word totals. "The average was

wanted to be lazy – but what's the point?"

Italian historian Antony deCaesar has determined that the face of

flowery and hard to understand.

However, at least one educator is being both sympathetic and proactive to these students' feelings. Adam Gilad, professor of Ethnic Studies at Harvard University, spent the past five years transposing the Bard's plays into more familiar jargon. His *Hip-Hop Shakespeare*, featuring all the plays and sonnets, will be published in autumn by Cambridge-Avon-Princeton University Letters.

"I just want to do my small part to help make these wonderful, brilliant works more accessible," said Gilad.

An excerpt from *Romeo and Juliet* illustrates just how modern and vital Shakespeare's plays can be when presented in this format:

"Ay yo trip, what wack light through yonder window is booyaa.

"It be the East and Juliet is my suuuweeeet fly def honey. Word."

Another example from *Julius Caesar* practically leaps off the page with its energy:

"Homeboys, brothers, and players, wassup? — Dig.

"I'm here to put the dude Caesar in the boneyard, not be down wit' him. Truethat."

And, of course, what many consider to be Shakespeare's greatest play, *Hamlet*, becomes fully alive when presented in hip-hop:

"To bail out, or not to bail out: That be the buzz.

"Whether it's phat to be trippin' to catch the vapors of dis big-spendin' cheese,

"Or fo'shizzle, grab the bling bling, bounce back to the crib, and just be chillin'."

Future plans for Gilad

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Our staff personally asks celebrities things you need to know, quotes you will never see anywhere but in *Weekly World News*!

Do you have any friends left at this point?

Shannen Doherty: Did I have friends before?

SHANNEN DOHERTY

Have you ever been to Las Vegas?

Joely Fisher: My mother is Connie Stevens.

JOELY FISHER

Do you speak Klingon?

Rick Worthy (Jannar on *Enterprise*): I can actually sing the Klingon national anthem.

RICK WORTHY

What's your favorite form of therapy?

Oliver Platt: Filet o' fish; a sourdough cheese jack.

OLIVER PLATT

What's the downside of an entourage?

Mark Wahlberg: If they're, you know, stealing equipment off of a set that you might be working on – that's usually a downside.

Mad cows and more...

A TRUE FU FARM!

By LENNY MYCE

TOPEKA, Kan. — There are many farms in Kansas. What makes the spread of Dr. George Allswell special is that it's a clinic for mentally disturbed animals.

"Farm animals are vulnerable to many types of emotional problems," said Dr. Allswell. "It's only recently that farmers have started to take notice."

A farmer turned animal psychologist, Dr. Allswell founded the "Funny Farm" after one of his horses committed suicide.

"Misty broke out of her stall one morning and ran right into the street," he said. "She was hit by a truck and died. "What I didn't realize at the time was that Misty was manic-depressive. She wasn't sleeping and was showing bad judgment by picking on the bulls and kicking farmhands who were carrying guns. Had I picked up on it sooner I could have saved her life."

Since then Dr. Allswell has dedicated his life to treating disturbed animals.

"You know, it stands to reason that an animal would be depressed after pulling a plow all day," he said. "Or was stuck in a chicken coop. They can't go down to Moe's for a drink. The oxen in particular are in a rut."

Dr. Allswell showed us around the Funny Farm. His stable had been turned into a series of padded stalls for the animals. The first stall was con-

Pig," he said. "She suffers from obsessive compulsive disorder — just terrified of getting dirty. Her former owner used to call her 'Sterile Sheryl.' I'm gradually introducing mild types of dirt into her cell — sand, then soil, then fertilizer, then mud, then pure slop. She'll be playing in a pig sty in no time."

In the next stall was a chicken named Chickpea. He was hiding his head under a blanket.

"Chickpea is suffering from post traumatic stress," Allswell said. "His previous owner tried to chop his head off. He's also afraid the sky is falling. I take him out for short periods each day, during which time he wears a tiny football helmet. I've also been empowering him with exercises to strengthen his neck muscles. 'It's O.K. to be a chick but not a chicken,' I tell him."

We then met Dr. Allswell's most challenging patient, Betsy. The cow was suffering from severe psychosis and was kept in a strait jacket for her own protection.

"Betsy is a classic mad cow, suffering chronic hallucinations involving alien abduction and mutilation," Allswell told us. "We

Farm animals are vulnerable to many types of psychological problems

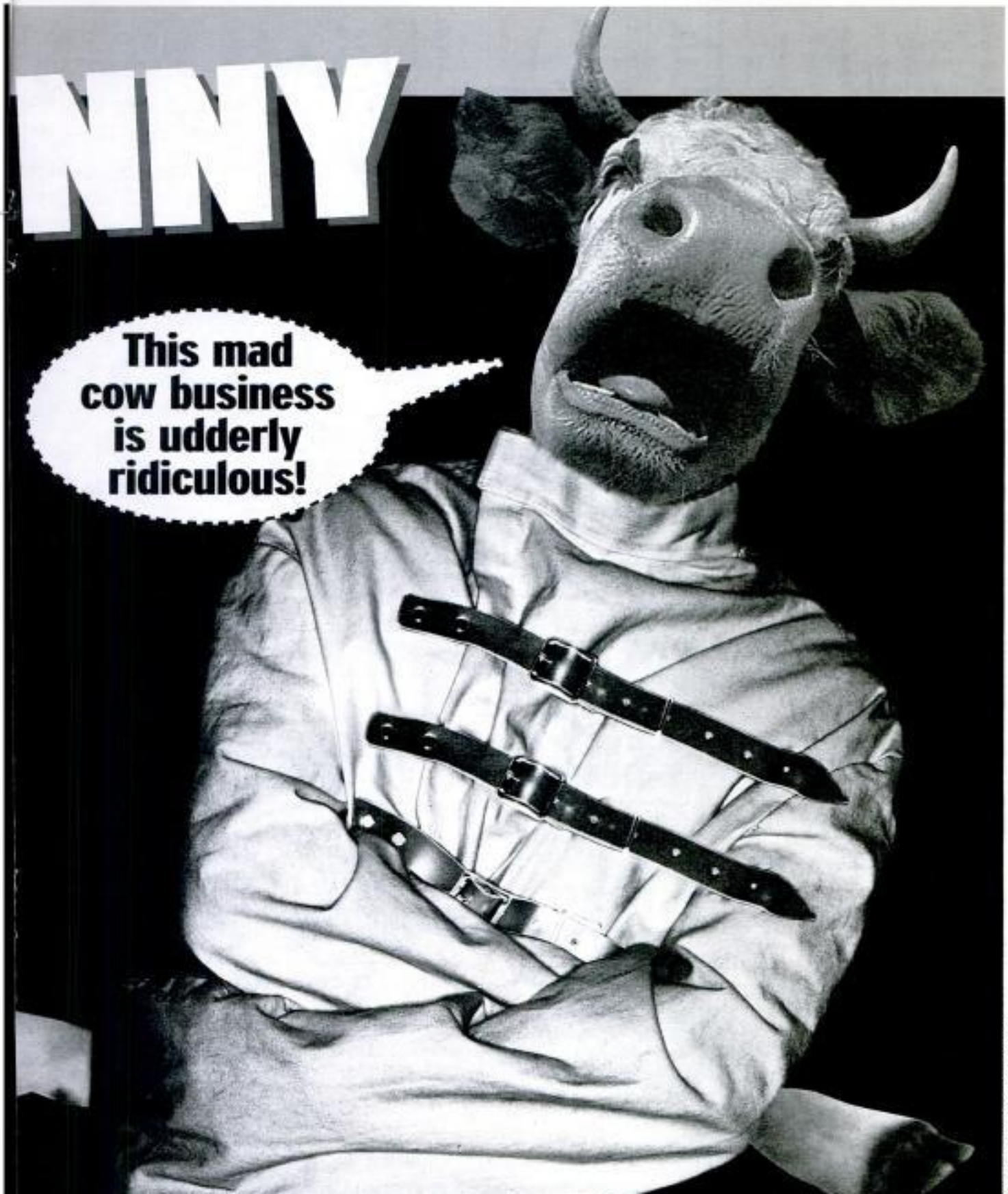
aliens are kind to her. Over time, that will alleviate her fears."

We asked Dr. Allswell when he last cured an animal.

"Actually, I just ended the treatment of a sheep who had

was under the delusion that all of her fellow sheep were really wolves wearing their clothing. We cured her and then sent her off to slaughter." He shrugged.

"She may have been sane but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This mad cow business is udderly ridiculous!

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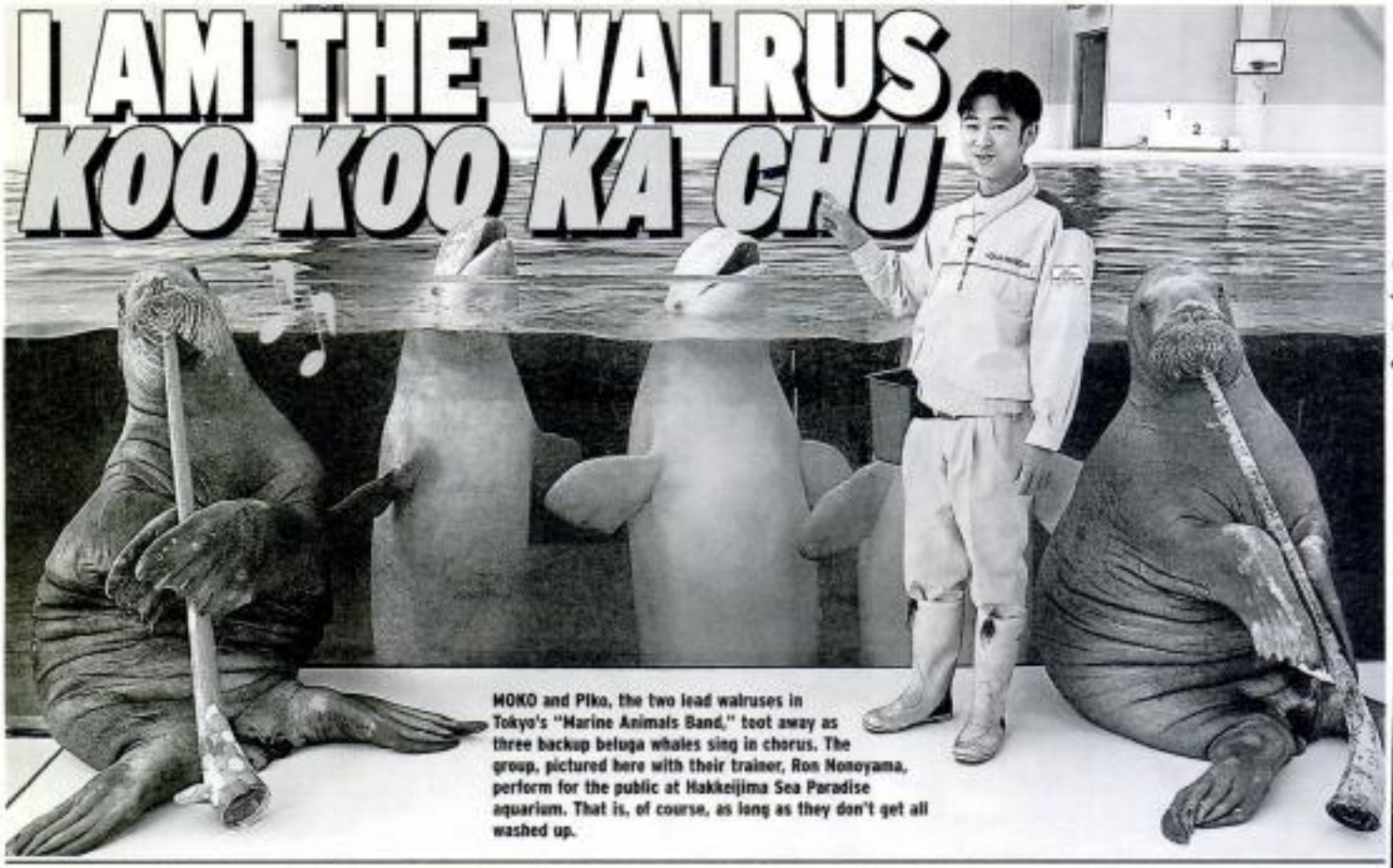

MOKO and Piko, the two lead walruses in Tokyo's "Marine Animals Band," toot away as three backup beluga whales sing in chorus. The group, pictured here with their trainer, Ron Monoyama, perform for the public at Hakkeijima Sea Paradise aquarium. That is, of course, as long as they don't get all washed up.

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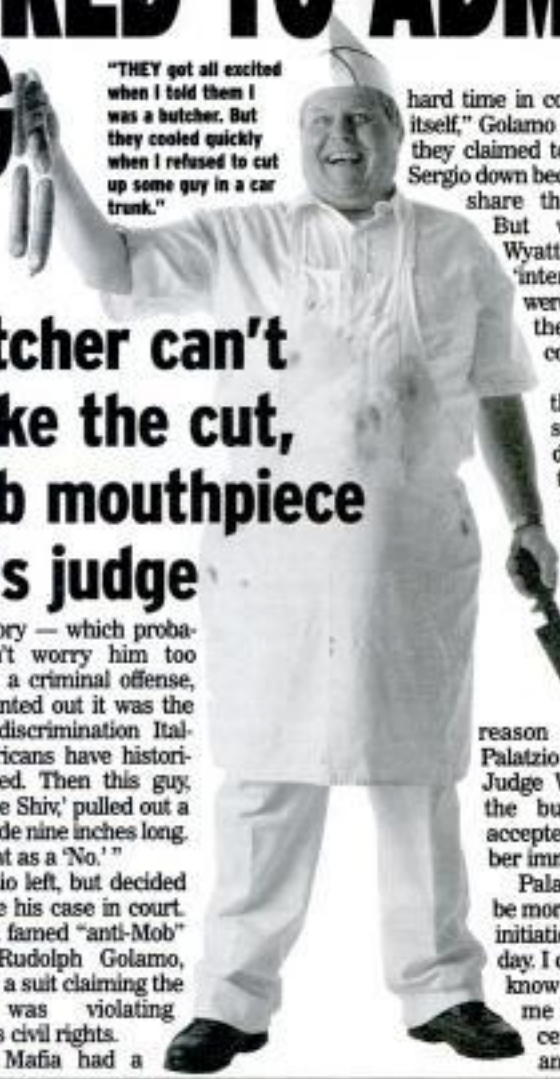
LADY JUSTICE CARRIES A DOUBLE-EDGE SWORD

MAFIA ORDERED TO ADMIT LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS

By BERNIE PYLE

Butcher can't make the cut, Mob mouthpiece tells judge



"THEY got all excited when I told them I was a butcher. But they cooled quickly when I refused to cut up some guy in a car trunk."

BAYONNE, N.J. — **"Every time I tried to get in, they pulled me back out."**

That's what Sergio Palatzio, a butcher, told a federal judge, when he filed a suit against the Mafia for refusing to let him join the organization because he's a law-abiding citizen.

Judge Pamela Wyatt agreed, and ordered the Mafia to admit Palatzio immediately.

"I love *The Sopranos*, and thought how much I'd like to hang out with Tony, Christopher and the rest of those guys," Palatzio told *Weekly World News*. "Plus, I've watched all *The Godfather* movies 50 times — except for the third one, which I've only watched once.

"I knew I would fit right in — except for the fact that I've never broken the law in my life, and don't intend to.

"So I went down to Big Al's Social Club on Main Street, where the Mafia are known to hang out, and applied for membership."

At first, Palatzio said, the Mafia refused to admit they existed. "But then I said, 'If you don't exist, then who am I talking to right now?' They looked at each other and said, 'You know, you're right. I guess we do exist.'

"Then Big Al asked me what my 'specialty' was, and I told him I'm a butcher. They got all excited and said they had a job for me immediately, involving some guy who was waiting in the trunk of a car. But then I said, 'Oh, you misunderstood. I'm a real butcher. I work in a supermarket, cutting up lamb chops.'

"Big Al was still convinced I was talking in 'code,' but when he realized I was telling the truth he told me, 'We can't take you. We only take criminals.'

"I told him that was discriminatory — which probably didn't worry him too much as a criminal offense, but I pointed out it was the kind of discrimination Italian-Americans have historically faced. Then this guy, 'Louis the Shiv,' pulled out a shiny blade nine inches long. I took that as a 'No.' "

Palatzio left, but decided to pursue his case in court. He hired famed "anti-Mob" lawyer Rudolph Golamo, who filed a suit claiming the Mafia was violating Palatzio's civil rights.

"The Mafia had a hard time in court defending itself," Golamo said. "Initially, they claimed to have turned Sergio down because he didn't share their interests. But when Judge Wyatt asked what 'interests' they were talking about, the mobsters couldn't answer.

"What were they going to say? 'Sergio doesn't like extorting money, whacking people and hijacking cigarette shipments off trucks?' "

Left without a valid reason for refusing Palatzio membership, Judge Wyatt ordered the butcher to be accepted as a member immediately.

Palatzio couldn't be more excited. "My initiation is this Friday. I can't wait. All I know is they told me it involves cement shoes and a river."

JUDGE FORCES BIKER GANG TO ADMIT SUBURBAN DADS!

By MARK MILLER

NORMAL, Ill. – Satan's Own Riders have the reputation of being a rough, rowdy, macho and dangerous motorcycle gang, but that may be changing soon. As the result of a class action lawsuit, federal judge Richard Bielweiss has ordered the notorious bikers to immediately begin welcoming suburban for the suburbs, for fathers and for men in general," exclaims Juan Morales, president of Suburban Biker Dads of America, a loose-knit organization of professionals who are fathers and who ride together on weekends.

"For years we've wanted to add more edginess and excitement to our mild suburban lives, but when we expressed interest in our bikes over. They're not laughing so hard anymore."

The suburban dads riding with the gang now are not difficult to spot. They are generally clean-shaven, balding and overweight, in designer jeans and brand-new cowboy boots, no body art or piercings, riding tame-looking Honda motorbikes – in stark contrast to the appearance favored by Satan's Own Riders.

"They're a joke," says Rider Johnny B. "I give 'em two weeks, tops, till they find out they can't keep up with us, don't belong with us and go home crying into their Starbucks." Morales sees this as a win-win situation. "We get the excitement we want, and

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DID YOU KNOW...

The wings of butterflies and moths are actually transparent. Tiny iridescent, overlapping scales catch the light to produce the colors that you see.

TONGUE TWISTER

The cat catchers can't catch caught cats.

Courtesy of Sally Seashore

Stop hanging stockings on the fireplace and leaving cookies & milk

SANTA TO DELIVER PRESENTS

THE NORTH POLE — In a nod to changing realities, Santa Claus announced that he will no longer be making house calls, but instead will be delivering presents via e-mail.

By SCOTT STEVENS

"I'm getting too old for the chimney scene," Santa said, from his home in the North Pole. "Delivering presents to all the world's children in one night is too exerting, especially when you have to run an elf factory the other 364 days a year. They're industrious and all, but their tiny hands can only do so much.

"Plus, there are more children in more places than ever before," Santa went on.

"The sheer volume of presents was getting unwieldy. Being Santa is a young man's game.

"But the main reason I'm switching to delivering presents by e-mail is because of the security hassles and lawsuits."

In recent years, because of the war on terror, the U.S. government has increased its air surveillance, and in 2002, an over-eager Air Force pilot tried to shoot Santa from the sky.

"That really freaked me out," Santa said. "Luckily Rudolph knows Morse Code, and his red nose beeped out a message that it was me delivering presents, not some evil operative."

But Santa Claus has also been hit with a number of lawsuits from parents who either complain that he's damaged their chimney when he drops down, or don't like the idea of a fat old man trying to entice their children with gifts.

"The Michael Jackson trial really got a lot of parents paranoid. I don't need that grief," Santa said. He shook his great fleecy head. "You try to do something nice for people and this is the thanks you get."

Santa and his elves convened an emergency meeting in June to deal with the issues.

"We considered several alternatives," one of the elves said, on condition of anonymity.

"We thought we could spread the delivery of presents out over two or three days, but that didn't fly. We also considered giving out decals of Santa with a red circle and a line through him, similar to those 'No smoking' signs, that houses could post if they didn't want Claus coming down their chimney. But then we'd have to

BEARING DOWN ON GOLDILOCKS!

. . . She's not all peaches & cream, says doc!

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FAIRY TALE JUSTICE

By DANIEL E. SOPP

AUGUSTA, Maine – Most children know how Goldilocks entered the house of the three bears, ate their food, sat in their chairs, slept in their beds and fled when they returned home. What children don't know is that Goldilocks was guilty of chronic breaking and entering.

"It's been two years but our son is really messed up because of this," said Papa Bear. "That horrible girl ate all his breakfast and broke his favorite chair to pieces. And forget about going to bed. He screams, 'There's a little girl in it! She's going to get me!'

"We pressed charges against her," said Mama Bear. "We didn't want any

community service. She insisted that she meant no harm. "I was six years old at the time," she said. "I was lost and scared. I'm sorry Baby Bear was traumatized but – he's a bear, for God's sake! And not a koala bear but a black bear. He's got claws the size of my foot!"

Though prior history was not admitted at the trial, *Weekly World News* has learned that Goldilocks has had many run-ins with the bear community.

BRAINTEASER

What force and strength cannot get through,
I with a gentle touch can do.
And many in the street would stand
If I were not a friend in hand.
What am I?

SOLUTION:
A key.

WORD OF THE WEEK:

RHADAMANTHINE = Rigorously strict or just.

JOKES KIDS TELL!

This rib-tickler was submitted by 9-year-old Burt Howard of Mobile, Ala.:

Q.: Why did the coach go to the bank?
A.: Because he wanted his quarter back!

Kids, if you have a great joke, send it in! Mail it to: Kids' Jokes c/o Weekly World News, P.O. Box 3036, Boca Raton, FL 33421-0936.

for Old St. Nick: – HE'S NO LONGER MAKING HOUSE CALLS!

VIA E-MAIL

circle each chimney to check and there was always the problem that fog or snow would hide them."

After sometimes acrimonious debate, it was decided that Santa would go this alternate route.

"Actually, there's a plus side," said the elf. "E-mail makes Santa hip. It brings him into the 21st century. We still get to decide who gets what, and who's been naughty and who's been nice, but the actual gifts will be sent from warehouses around the world.

"The new system may not be as magical as it once was," the elf conceded. "But then again, what is?"

heavens Tigger scared her away."

"She put mousetraps in every pic-a-nic basket in Jellystone Park," said Yogi Bear. "We could never tie her to the crime, but everyone knew it was her."

Dr. Stew Berenstain, the court psychologist, diagnosed Goldilocks' problem immediately.

"Her family lost everything they had in a bear stock market," said Dr. Berenstain. "In Goldilocks' mind, those were marching orders to attack anything ursine. If she doesn't get help, I'm afraid the pattern will continue."

The Bear family is outraged but admitted there isn't much they can do.

"We aren't just worried for bears but for this disturbed little girl," Papa Bear said. "One day she's going to pick on one who

WEIRD PICTURE SEARCH

CAN you find the 10 wrenches hidden in this illustration by renowned artist Sergio Aragones? Check next week's issue for the answer key!

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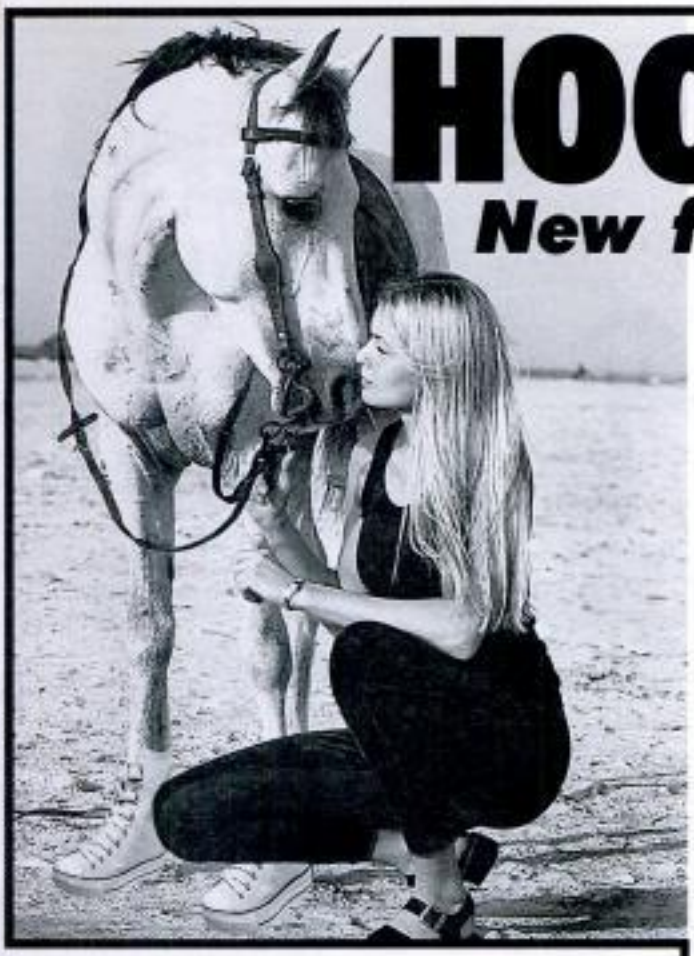


HOOFING IT!

New footwear for horses

By MICHAEL ROVIN

HOUSTON, Tex. — Each year hundreds of people are injured while riding horses. After years of study, equine podiatrist Sue Halter has pinpointed the main cause for these accidents: Horseshoes.

"The typical metal horseshoe is the worst protection for a horse's hooves," Halter said. "It's outdated. Would you want metal against your sole all day and night? And held in with nails?"

To solve the problem, Halter has created a new type of horseshoe. She displayed her invention on her horse Nike: Four white sneakers, similar to human footwear but more compact.

"I wanted to call them 'Nikes,' after my horse, but there was a legal problem with that," she admitted. "Instead, I call them Fetlockers and they solve a number of problems. There is more support — especially in the hightop model — giving the horse better balance. There's a lot more cushion, taking the shock off its knees which will give the horse a few more years of comfortable mobility. And the soles grab the ground firmly, which will cut down on the number of falls."

She added that her shoes would eliminate the need to clean dirt and rocks from a horse's feet.

"I really noticed a difference," said jockey Henry Wild, who took Nike for a turn around the track. "The horse had more bounce to him. His grip was incredible. He accelerated more quickly and his top speed was impressive."

Dianne Maire, a competitor and horse breeder, was also enthusiastic.

"I could tell that the horse was happier," she said. "He had a lot of stamina and the ride was definitely smoother."

Halter has a waiting list for her horseshoes and is also developing other types of footwear for different seasons.

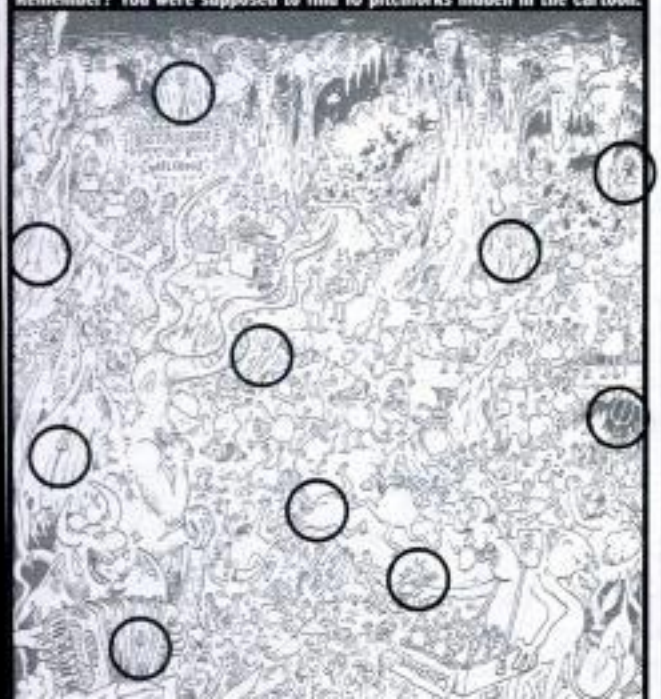
"I'm designing horse sandals for the summer, horse snow shoes for the winter, and horse flippers for areas prone to flooding."

One thing Sue did not count on was the aesthetic aspect of her concept.

"People are trying to make a fashion statement with their horses," she told us. "I'm getting requests for horse boots, even horse high heels. The last thing we need are more poseurs, but as long as it makes the horse happy I'm all for it."

LAST WEEK'S PICTURE SEARCH SOLUTION

Remember? You were supposed to find 10 pitchforks hidden in the cartoon.



NEWS 'TOONS

SPYCAT
CREATED BY DICK SIEGEL
HEY, YOU! INSURGENT IN THE SPIDEY HOLE! COME ON OUT!
HOKAY--HOKAY-- DON' SHOOT-- ER -- SCRETCH, MEESTER CAT.
SNICK!
WHAT THE- WHO OR WHAT- ARE YOU?
I AM PRIVATE IN RUSSIA ARMY.
I AM HERE FOR TO FREE AFGHANIS.
AFGHANIS?
BRO, YOU'RE IN THE WRONG WAR, IN THE WRONG COUNTRY!
THIS IS IRAQ.
IRAQ? IS DIFFERENT WAR?
IRAQ-- AFGHANISTAN-- OF COURSE IT'S DIFFERENT.
KA-BLAM!
YES? WHAT IS DIFFERENT, PLEASE?
I GO HOME NOW.
WHEN YOU GO HOME?

THE ADVENTURES OF BAT BOY
BY P. BAGGE 2005
FORMER KING BAT BOY AND HIS FORMER FIANCÉE BEYONCÉ ARE ONCE AGAIN HAPPILY MAKING WEDDING PLANS, WHILE DR. RON PREPARES TO BURST THEIR BUBBLE...
I HATE TO HAVE TO BREAK THIS TO YOU LOVEBIRDS...
BUT THERE'S NO WAY YOU TWO CAN GET MARRIED AT THIS POINT...
?!?
WHA'CHOO TALKIN' 'BOUT, RONNIE?
NOW THAT BAT BOY'S ABDICATED, ALL THE LAWS HE PASSED MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR A 12-YEAR OLD HALF BAT TO MARRY AN ADULT HALF-SASQUATCH ARE SURE TO BE RESCINDED...
..WHICH WILL ALSO REMOVE ANY POSSIBILITY OF YOU GETTING FREED FROM PRISON, BEYONCE...
OH NO!
HE'S RIGHT, BAT BOY. OURS IS A HOPELESS LOVE...
ESPECIALLY IF I'M DOOMED TO ROT AWAY IN THIS PRISON CELL...
WELL, THERE IS ONE WAY YOU CAN GET OUT OF HERE...
=SNIFF!=
..JUST DON'T TELL ANYONE WHERE YOU GOT THIS FROM, OKAY?
MEANWHILE, JUST OUTSIDE THE PRISON'S ENTRANCE...
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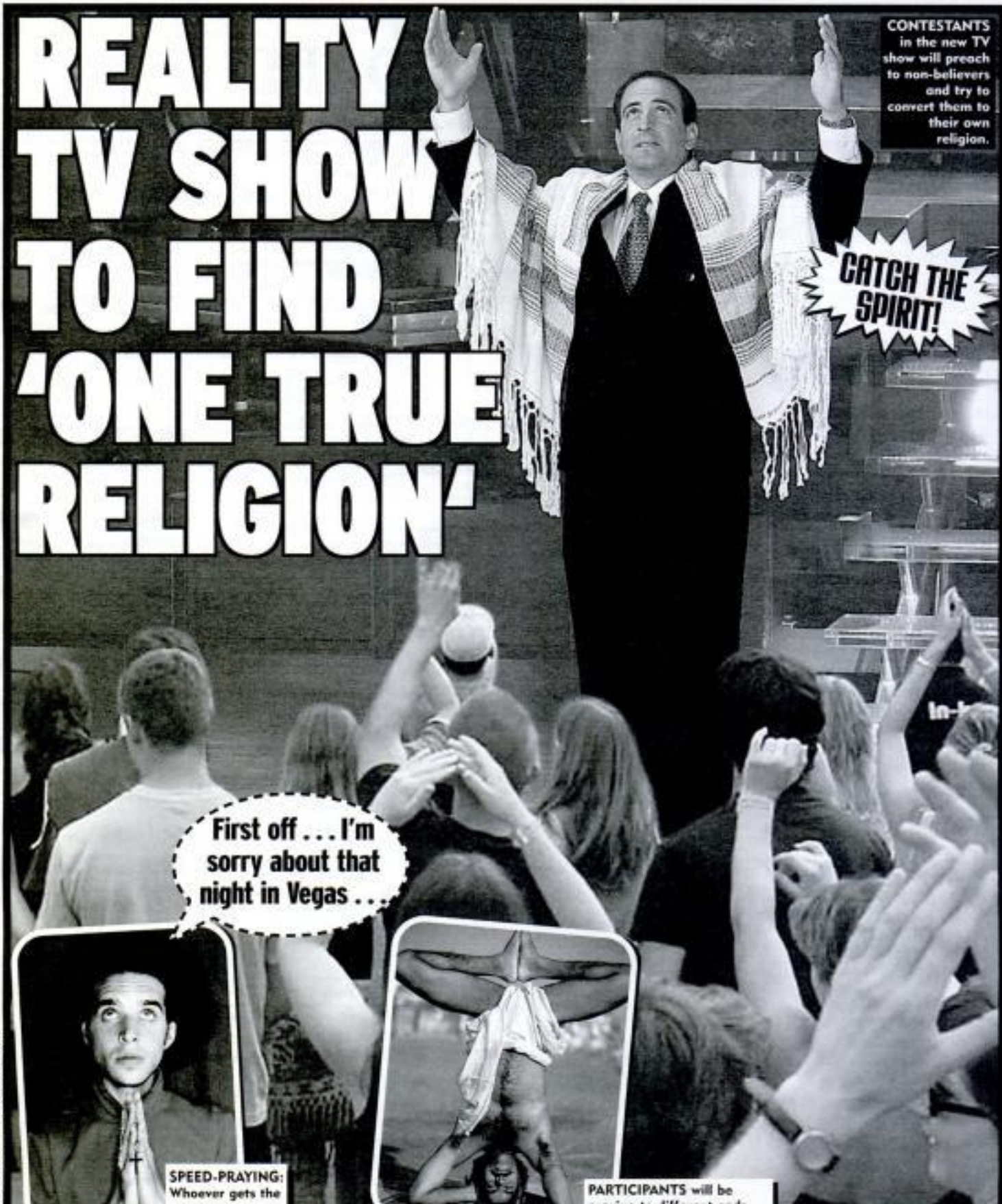

By JAKE ANDERSON

Hollywood, Calif. — Move over, *Survivor*, *Fear Factor* and *The Bachelor*. A new reality show promises to transform the entire world by finding the one true religion.

Each week on *American Non-Idol*, four contestants who follow different faiths will compete against each other.

Producer Beau Hodgekins said he got the idea for the show after watching the network news one night after *Survivor*.

"All the stories were about Sunnis quarreling with Shi'ites, Jews debating Palestinians, the religious right in America fighting everyone else. I thought 'Gee, on *Survivor* they argue and connive against each other, too, but no one gets killed and at the end of the season there's a clear winner. Wouldn't it be great if we could get all the world's religions to do the same?"

It took Hodgekins three years to pull *American Non-Idol* together.

"There are a lot more religions than you might think," Hodgekins said. "And they all have different Sabbaths where they don't work, and some have rituals during the day, or don't allow their members to fraternize with members of the opposite sex. Just coordinating all the groups was a major headache."

Hodgekins mentioned a couple of the contests the show will have.

SPEED-PRAYING: Each week, competing contestants will be handed a list of seven items such as hard-to-get concert tickets, an 1804 silver dollar, a new car, etc. Contestants will then pray for these items in a public place. Each week's winner will be the person who has the most prayers answered.

CATCH-THE-SPIRIT: Contestants will preach to crowds of 100 "non-believers" and try to convert them through sheer force of personality. Whoever converts the most audience members wins.

RUNNING RITUALS: Participants will run a "religious obstacle course," in which they have to stop at various points to pray and put on various articles of religious clothing. Winner is the first person to perform all the rituals and cross the finish line.

EMBARRASSING RELIGIOUS MOMENT: Contestants will reveal the worst transgression they ever performed against their religion, and ask the audience for forgiveness. "Most Forgiven" will be determined by audience applause.

After a winner is crowned, Hodgekins said he expected almost everyone in the world would join that religion.

"The whole world is going to be praying to different Gods, but only one will answer. Who wouldn't want to go with the winner?"

But some religious scholars have objected, questioning whether God will even be aware of the show.

Hodgekins dismissed them. "There's no way God won't be watching," Hodgekins said. "This is gonna be huge."

NEWS 'TOON

OUT OF THIS WORD SEARCH!

E Z E Z S W H L B P R T E B L C C O N
A I L I B A R O M E M M F E D A O R U
D G M Y Y C N A C D A L F U E Y U X M
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O W I Z N G U I W A L J F P G T D V B
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HOW TO PLAY

Look up, down, backward, forward and sideways – in all directions – to find the words or names about all things Elvis in the list below.

ALBUM
ALL SHOOK UP
ARMY
COUNTRY
DANCE
DON'T BE CRUEL
ELVIS
GOLD
GRACELAND
HALL OF FAME
HOUND DOG
LEFT THE BUILDING
LEGEND
LIP CURL
MEMORABILIA
MEMPHIS
NUMBER ONE
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1 Athlete's warmup
7 Play a guitar
12 Prepares coffee
17 Hereditary
23 Royal
24 Spurted, like a whale
25 Torment, anguish
27 Rodent types
28 Spanish Mrs.
29 Citizen of Seoul
30 Come out from
31 Old Fords
33 Policeman's badge
35 Elf, fairy
36 60's long-hair types
37 Contemptuous looks
38 Contaminates
41 Men
43 Take a — at it
45 Blacken on the grill
46 Thick and compacted
47 Shackles
50 Palatable
52 Spring back
54 Musketeer weapon
56 Foldable beds
58 Fawn over
59 Jumps like a rabbit
60 Put aboard ship
61 Small nail
64 Rope connectors
66 Stretch for
69 Strikes across the face
71 British nobleman
72 Hazard, chance
74 Broken arm holder
76 Lucky number
77 Sailing ships
78 Accumulate
79 Mournful breaths
80 Beg, beseech
81 Wealthy class
84 Head covering
85 Cereal grain
86 Criminal's excuse
88 River embankment
89 Appear to be
90 Like better
91 Ripe
92 Give an account of
94 Dandelion or crabgrass
95 Magician's saying: "Nothing up my — !"
98 FDR topic
99 Toupees
100 Manservants
104 Snooze
106 Grand Slam, for one
108 M.D., informally
111 Country estate
113 "Is this seat — ?"
114 Pallid
116 Poky, hoosegow
118 Bug
120 Comrade, crony
121 Remove from typeset
122 Speaks aloud
124 General location
126 Dump out
127 Brushed leathers
129 Window or lamp covering
130 School demerit
131 Ennui
132 Doctrine, dogma
133 Dr. Seuss character, Sam I —
134 Mate for Ma
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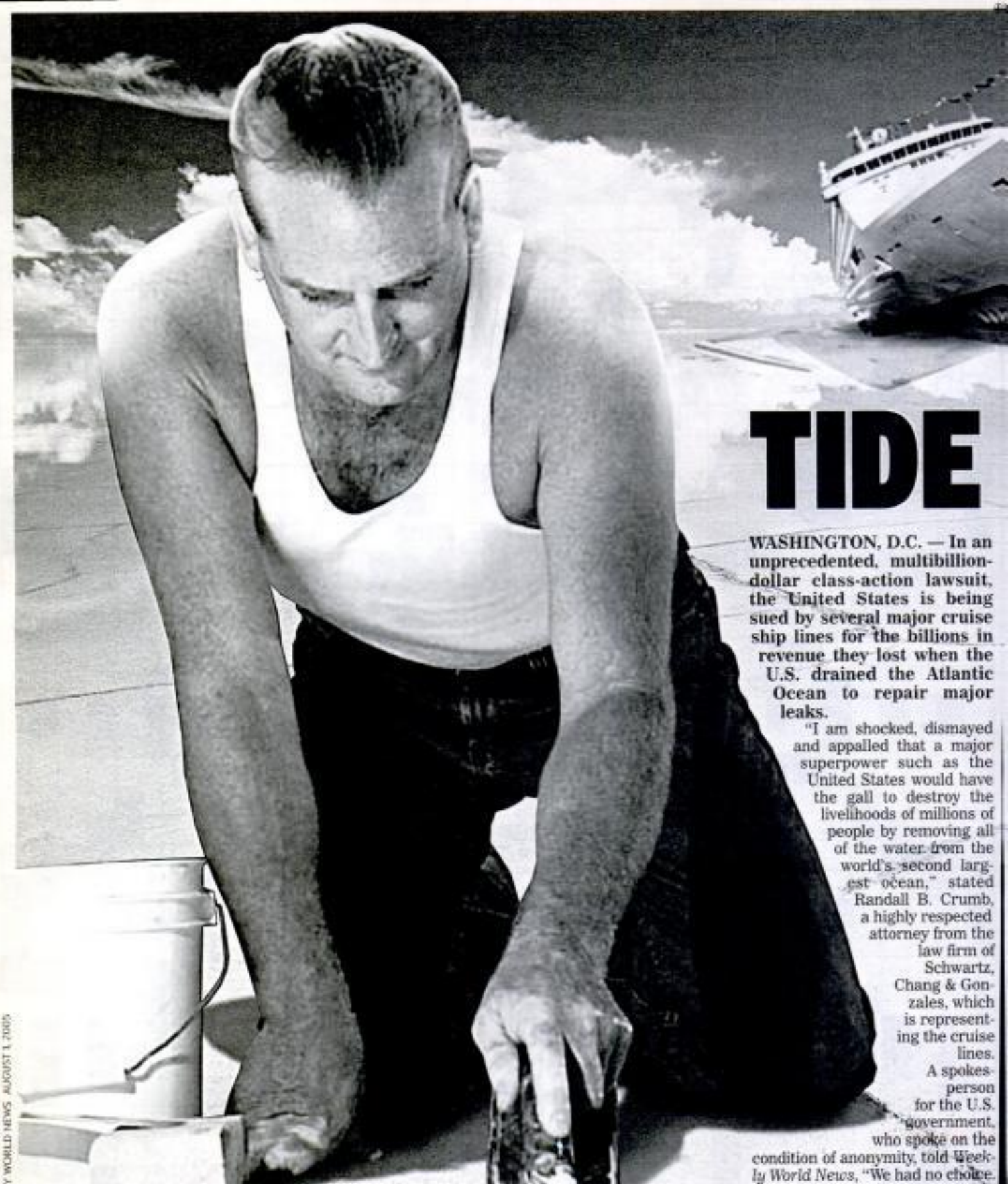

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — In an unprecedented, multibillion-dollar class-action lawsuit, the United States is being sued by several major cruise ship lines for the billions in revenue they lost when the U.S. drained the Atlantic Ocean to repair major leaks.

"I am shocked, dismayed and appalled that a major superpower such as the United States would have the gall to destroy the livelihoods of millions of people by removing all of the water from the world's second largest ocean," stated Randall B. Crumb, a highly respected attorney from the law firm of Schwartz, Chang & Gonzales, which is representing the cruise lines.

A spokesperson for the U.S. government, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, told *Weekly World News*, "We had no choice.

America sued for draining Atlantic Ocean for repairs!

TURNS AGAINST U.S.

By NIGEL FLEMING

been sucked down giant abysses leading to the center of the earth. When the cold sea water hit the molten core, our planet would have cracked like a giant egg."

The man who spearheaded the massive repair job was Dirk Johnson, owner of Dirk's Pool & Spa Maintenance. The 27-year-old former surfer and chain saw juggler said, "The feds came to me because, y'know, I could go on TV and explain wuzzup. They offered me all the manpower I needed working with my own posse." Johnson and his buddies spent months on the operation. They pumped trillions of gallons of water into giant storage tanks, which were shipped to Iceland for safekeeping. Sea creatures, big and small, were captured and delivered to aquaria around the globe.

"When we ran out of room, I put a bunch of plankton in my bathtub," Johnson said. "That's the level of dedication I'm talkin' 'bout."

Geologist Nathan Freeman was amazed by the entire undertaking. "You've got to hand it to Johnson and his crew," he said. "No oceanographer would have had the gumption to tackle something this big. It took a man of Johnson's . . . ummm . . . 'interesting' intellect to jump right in.

patched the giant ocean cracks with SuperStick Adhesive, a concoction Johnson developed while repairing his surfboard. It sticks to anything and dries in 48 hours.

"It was like putting a humongous bandage on a gnarly wound," Johnson recalled.

Days later, the water was carefully poured back into the ocean basin and all the sea life was replaced. "Man, what a rush that was," Johnson said.

Now that the giant leaks in the Atlantic have been fixed, the world's airlines are in a panic. "We're terrified the U.S. is going to tackle air pollution next and ask Johnson to suck the dirty air out of the atmosphere with a nuclear-powered pool vacuum or something," gasped a nervous spokesperson for Rancid Airlines. "Without air, planes can't fly. The

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Singer Paul King and his mullet are welcome in the German army!

1. MIGHTY MULLET

OFFICIALS in Germany have given the O.K. for soldiers to sport mullets while serving in the army.

The military previously forced soldiers to wear their hair short, effectively banning mullets. But the rule has since been declared "unconstitutional" and "incomprehensible" – thanks to an 18-year-old recruit who was forced to chop off his 10-inch ponytail.

The young man was fined and threatened with three weeks of solitary confinement for his dodgy hairstyle. Determined to fight for his rights, he took his case to the courts and won, giving army recruits the freedom of wearing the mighty mullet once and for all.

2. NO MORE COUCH POTATOES

POTATO farmers in Britain are getting all mashed up over the term "couch potato."

About 30 farmers have publicized their request for the derogatory term to be removed from the *Oxford English Dictionary*.

The current definition is "a person who spends leisure time passively or idly sitting around, especially watching television or videotapes." The British Potato Council thinks this makes their vegetable seem unhealthy and are asking it be changed to "couch slouch."

"The potato industry are fed up with the disservice that 'couch potato' does to our product when we have an inherently healthy product," said one member.

3. GIVE ME A BOOST

A COLLEGE study has revealed the consumption of energy drinks has nearly surpassed the national consumption of coffee.

"Younger people are choosing to drink fruity or carbonated drinks like Red Bull instead of coffee to give them a boost during the day," said survey coordinator Jacob Donit. "Coffee is a staple with the older crowd, but the popularity of these new drinks is quickly threatening to overtake the number of coffee drinkers."

Donit said specialty coffee drinks such as lattes and cappuccinos were not figured into the equation because "they're even more

4. SENIOR SPRINTER

A 95-YEAR-OLD man has broken the world record for the 100-meter dash.

Kozo Haraguchi, of Miyazaki, Japan, ran the 100 meters in the fastest time ever for a man in his 95 to 99 age group. His incredible speed of 22.04 shattered the previous 22.01 sprint held by an Australian man.

Haraguchi said he felt the pressure during the amazing race. "I thought I better not fall because everyone was cheering for me," he said.

The new record-holder began practicing track and field at the age of 65 to stay in shape and regularly takes hour walks around his neighborhood.

5. A BEAR AND HIS BEER

TWO men on a fishing trip were given the surprise of their lives when their camping site was attacked by a big black bear that chomped on their food and guzzled their beer.

Larry Gaynor, 67, said Bob, 53, were at West Virginia's Summit Lake when they heard a noise and peeked out the tent and saw the bear drag their cooler 30 yards and fling it open, scattering a case of Coors Light.

"He only drank three cans," Larry said. "He would've drank it all

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FL. 203-556 Vietnamese, 58, looks 48, very attractive, 5'2", 105 lbs., sincere, loyal, affectionate, college educated. ISO trustworthy, loving, caring, financially secure gentleman, 63-73. Photo/phone. Serious only.

NJ. 203-557 Attractive, educated, financially secure Asian lady, 43, ISO partner for life. Serious and marriage-minded only. Full photo please.

MD. 203-558 Lonely, caring, dark blonde, blue eyes, 5'4", 120 lbs., would like to meet honest, kind, friendly Native American male, no drugs/alcohol. Please write soon.

WA. 203-559 Attractive, alluring SWF, 5'4", long auburn/brown, shapely, 154 lbs., Bambi eyes. Seeks sincere, gracious, unselfish man, of integrity. Ready, willing, give/receive TLC. Photo, any H/W.

MD. 203-560 Pretty professional Asian American, sweet and caring, enjoys movies and traveling. Seeking single nice man, with good manners, 37 plus.

PA. 203-561 Prime of life DWF, attractive, PhD, healthy, no addictions, seeking handsome, healthy, vigorous, virile WM, 45-60, natural teeth, hair, not marriage-minded. Photo/phone requested.

TN. 203-562 WWF, 63, pretty, green-eyed brunette, BS degree. ISO male, 55-70, relocatable, financially secure, for friendship and possible marriage. Answer all, photo/phone. No games.

IN. 203-563 Can't find desirable mate, compatible companionship? Attraction most important. Very young 66, WF, red head, 150 lbs., personable, relocatable, non-smoking, good morals, WM to 70 reply. Photo.

MD. 203-564 Attractive BCFW, 60s, 5'5", 140 lbs., H/V-free, healthy, non-smoker/drinker, loving, love travel. Seeking Christian BM, 58-68, LTR. Willing to travel, possible Florida area. Photo/phone.

TX. 203-565 DWF, young 59, 150 lbs., red hair, seeks WM, 55-65, tall. Enjoys movies, traveling, walking, owns home, can relocate. Photo/phone.

MI. 203-566 SW widow, 63, 5'7½", drugs/disease free, non-smoker, old fashioned morals. Seeking single White gentleman, 45-70, smoker OK. Photo/phone first letter.

NY. 203-567 White female, 60, medical instructor, seeks a sincere European man for companionship and more. No inmates. Waiting for your reply.

FL. 203-568 Attractive, college graduate, Chinese/Filipina, petite, Catholic, mature, sincere, caring, honest. Seeking attractive, educated, non-smoker, financially stable gentleman, 56-65, in Florida or nearby. Photo.

FL. 203-569 God fearing quiet spirited, caring SBF, 60 years, 5'2", 136 lbs., ISO gentleman, for a meaningful relationship, 60-70 years, nationality not important.

MEN

TN. 402-161 Single Black man is seeking a Black female for friend and marriage, 47, 48, 49, in good health, must be honest, caring, understanding, romantic. Enjoy church, restaurants, movies, the outdoors, 0 to 1 child only. Live in Memphis, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas. Photos and telephone. Must be willing to relocate.

CA. 402-162 Correctional institute inmate. Looking for a special woman to be with. I'm a 42 year old, Black, tall handsome male. Please write, any age or race acceptable.

CA. 402-163 SWM, 48, attractive, rich, soft-spoken, good massager, sensual. Seeking

MD. 402-164 SBM, 44, 6', 200 lbs., open-minded, enjoy nature, home life, and travel. Seeking WF, 40 plus for LTR. Photo/phone exchanged.

FL. 402-165 SWM, handsome, open-minded, ISO WF to relocate to my pool home for exciting LTR. I'm in my 50s, you are 30-50, sexy, easygoing.

FL. 402-166 SWM, 59, 5'8", 154 lbs., affectionate, compassionate, humorous, many interests, enjoy having fun no matter what we're doing. Looking for non-controlling, full figured woman, 40-62, non-smoker, for marriage. Phone.

VA. 402-167 SWM, attractive, successful, nice build, 46, 6', 190 lbs., romantic, affectionate, passionate, loving. Seeking affectionate, passionate lady, any age, for love, soul mate.

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CA. 402-169 Personal trainer, actor, college student, muscular body, blonde hair, seeks girl, pen pals in all states 18 plus. Canada.

TN. 402-170 SWM, 53, 5'10", 180 lbs., brown/blue, financially stable, seeks relocatable, female, Caucasian/Asian, non-smoker, height/weight in proportion. Recent photo/phone.

WI. 402-171 White male, 58, 6', 170 lbs., homeowner, easygoing, caring, loving. Looking for that special person to share life with, between ages 40-60. Photo please.

MN. 402-172 SWM, 30, honest, sincere, optimistic, who cherishes love, loyalty, honor, respect, commitment, integrity and compassion. ISO compatibility with SWF for friendship, LTR/more. No games!

KS. 402-173 Seeking the one that's seeking me. I'm 38, hardworking SWM, teddy bear type, you're not a game player. Age and looks unimportant. Take a chance.

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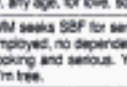

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WAKING ON THE WRONG SIDE OF BED WILL RUIN YOUR DAY!

By MATT TRESS

DOVER, Del. — Burt Skowel was always depressed in the morning after getting out of bed.

"I'd start my day feeling that life had no purpose," Skowel told *Weekly World News*. "I thought it was because of my job, or being middle-aged, or just being chronically depressed. But it turned out to be something else."

He made an appointment with Dr. Karl Young, a psychiatrist known for his unorthodox view of psychology.

"I examined Mr. Skowel thoroughly," Dr. Young told us, "and I'm convinced he is suffering from a newly discovered disorder I call PAT (Post Arising Trauma). In laymen's terms he literally got up on the 'wrong side of the bed.' "

PAT has met with initial skepticism by the psychiatric community.

Your political affiliation may affect your rising habits

DR. YOUNG was the first psychiatrist to recognize the symptoms of Post Arising Trauma.

"Dr. Young should stay in bed," said Dr. Abner Triplehorn of the American Sleep Facility in Ogden, Utah. "His ideas are unprofessional and unsupportable."

"I can't stand PAT," Dr. Sherry Singer of the University of Stepney, Connecticut sneered.

Dr. Young shrugged off the criticism. "Sounds like some people got up on the wrong side of the bed," he said. "The fact is, when a person awakens from sleep his brain is like a dry sponge, ready to soak up the experiences of the day. The most powerful influence on a person's mood is the choice of which side of the bed they get out on.

"Two factors determine the correct side of the bed from which a person should get out," he said. "The most basic is whether the individual is right- or left-handed. It seems that people who exit the bed on the side of their favored hand have a harmonious day."

Dr. Young explained that it's a matter of balance.

"To start the day in opposition to one's dominant side affects the inner ear fluid that regulates equilibrium. This imbalance has an adverse effect on a person's emotional state."

Burt Skowel is right-handed and he's been getting out on the right side of the bed for years.

"That brings up the second cause of PAT," Dr. Young said. "Political orientation."

One of Dr. Young's patients, Jack Hurly, was recently cured of extreme depression.

"I consider myself a radical conservative, and I've been getting out of bed on the left side for years," Hurley said. "No wonder I've been so grumpy every morning."

Dr. Young recommends that a person who is politically moderate should get out at the foot of the bed.

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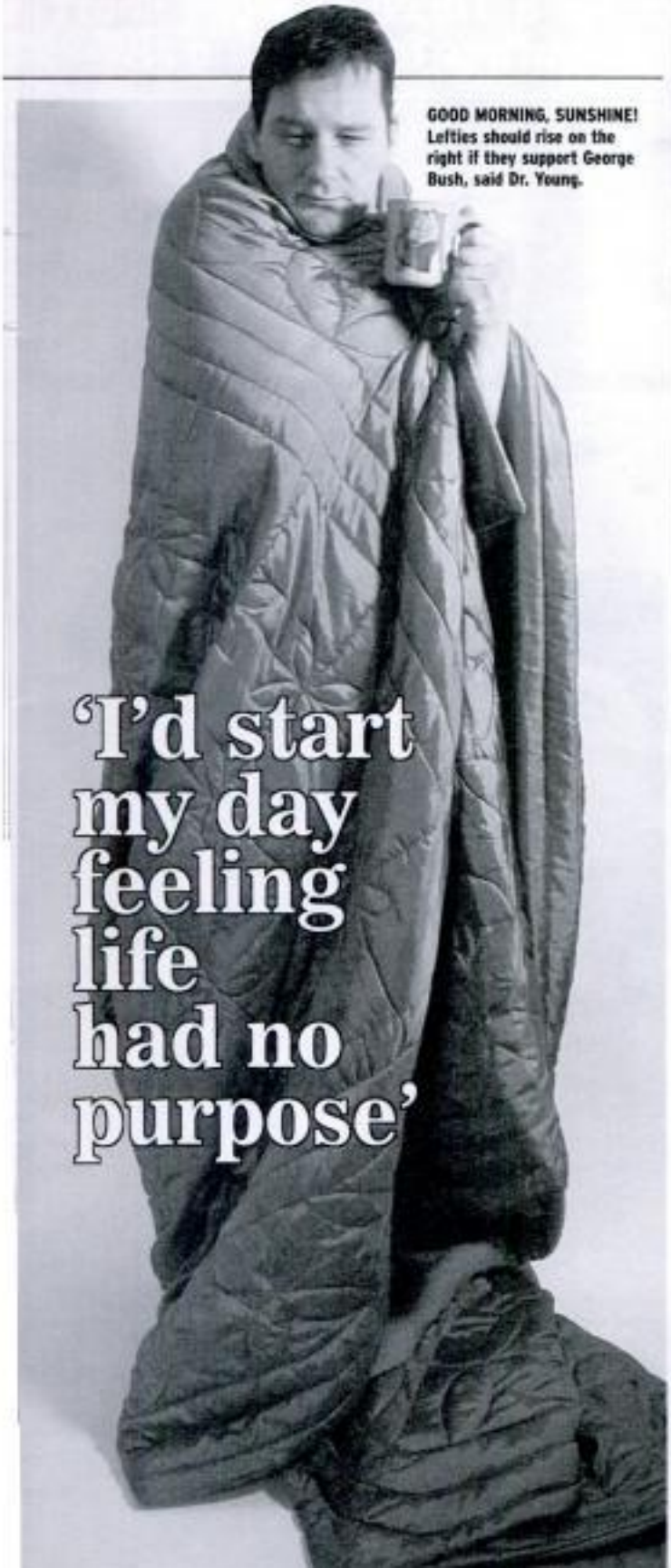

GOOD MORNING, SUNSHINE! Lefties should rise on the right if they support George Bush, said Dr. Young.

'I'd start my day feeling life had no purpose'

MAMA MIA!

Pizza guy arrives 15 years late

By NIGEL FLEMING

VAN NUYS, Calif. – Mavis Harper, 42, ordered a pizza in 1990. It arrived 15 years late.

"Darn thing is I couldn't even eat it," she lamented. "I've been lactose intolerant since 1997."

When *Weekly World News* contacted Darponelli's Pizza Parlor and Brake Shop to discover what caused the delay, 32-year-old Bobby Turner, the tardy deliveryman, explained, "It's 15 years ago, around 9 p.m., on a Saturday night, and this chick calls in an order for a large pizza with pepperoni, garlic, anchovies, salami and pineapple. I tossed it into my Pinto and sped off. Two blocks from Harper's house, I got a flat.

"This gorgeous blonde, Gloria, pulls up in a yellow T-bird and asks if I need a ride. Two days later I'm in Las Vegas marrying the girl. We really hit it off.

"I end up working for her old man, who sells car parts that I'm not quite sure where he got 'em. But business is good. I make lots of money. Me and Gloria buy a nice house in Encino and start a family.

"Three kids and 15 years later, her old man gets arrested and I'm put on probation. Gloria dumps me for my probation officer and I'm flat broke, so I end up back at Darponelli's. Gino, my boss, tells me not to be such a schmuck and to make amends to all the people I screwed over by dropping off the radar screen."

While making deliveries days later, Turner stopped at Harper's house to give her some chopped liver as a peace offering. They hit it off, and she invited him to move in. "Guess those five other pizzas in my Pinto will have to wait," said a grinning Turner.

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BY THE NUMBERS:

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By DORIAN WAGNER

POISON oak is not oak, and poison ivy is not ivy. Standard pencils have enough lead to write about 25,000 English words. Oreo cookies are 1¾ inches across.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

- More potato chips were consumed in the year 1972 than any other year . . . ever!
- Leonardo da Vinci invented scissors.
- Quack attack: About half of all psychiatrists have been attacked by at least one of their patients.
- The American crow weighs about one pound when full grown.
- Hares can run up to 45 m.p.h. Rabbits can only go a pokey 35 m.p.h..
- "The nice thing about egotists is that they don't talk about other people." — Lucille S. Harper
- According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the best time to spray household insects is at 4:00 p.m. Apparently, that's the time they're most vulnerable.
- The first macaroni factory in the U.S. was established in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1848.
- The telescope at Mount Palomar, Calif., can see 7,038,835,200,000,000,000,000 miles away.
- The first U.S. Marines recruiting station was in a bar.
- Atlantic salmon can leap 15 feet in the air.
- The first company to mass produce teddy bears was the Ideal Toy Company.
- In New Zealand, the Presidential highway links the towns of Clinton and Gore.
- Feb. 18, 1930: Elm Farm Ollie became the first cow to fly in an airplane.
- A drop of vinegar or vodka on glasses cleans them without a streak.
- Only 50 percent of those bit by poisonous snakes survive.
- Silly putty is chemically a

Hey, Lifshitz!!

Ralph Lauren's original name is Ralph Lifshitz.

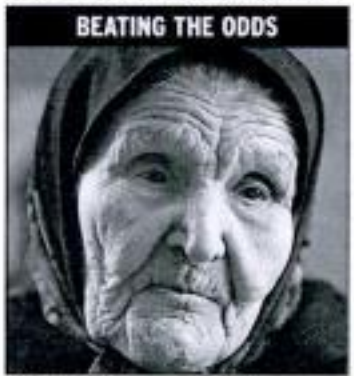
DON'T GET MOUTHY

An alligator can go through anywhere between 2,000 and 3,000 teeth in a lifetime.

THUMBS UP!

The thumb is so important it has its own special section of the brain to control it.

BEATING THE ODDS



bet you didn't know . . .

At last count, there were about 226,000 trees in New York's Central Park.

depend on the temperature in the air at the point which it forms.

- The Oscars given during WW2 were made of plaster.
- Brazilians celebrate Christmas with fireworks.
- Hamsters usually only blink one eye at a time.
- In North Dakota, it is illegal to lie down and fall asleep with

tuce was called "crisphead."

- Bluebirds can't see the color blue.
- Ten human body parts are only three letters long: Eye, hip, arm, leg, ear, toe, jaw, rib, lip and gum.
- It takes about a half a gallon of water to cook pasta, and a gallon to clean the pot.
- A quarter has 119 grooves on

A REAL DRAG

Rickshaw racing hits the wall, the Great Wall!

By KIP LEWIS

BEIJING, China — According to secret reports obtained by *Weekly World News*, Beijing is cracking down hard on Chinese teens who are recklessly racing rickshaws on the Great Wall.

Every Saturday night, just as in America, racers congregate at a prearranged spot. They come with their souped-up 'shaws, eat and drink a little snake rice wine, then race. Now there is the added thrill of staying one step ahead of government officials trying to shut them down.

A student who wished to remain anonymous told *WWN*, "There is great pride and status among young people in a 'shaw well pulled. The government is full of stuffy old men who go on about 'the Long March' and just don't understand."

Like their American racing brethren, the 'shawers do whatever they can to give themselves an edge, adding rubber to their larger than street-legal wooden wheels and wearing heavy-duty air filter masks for maximum pure oxygen intake.

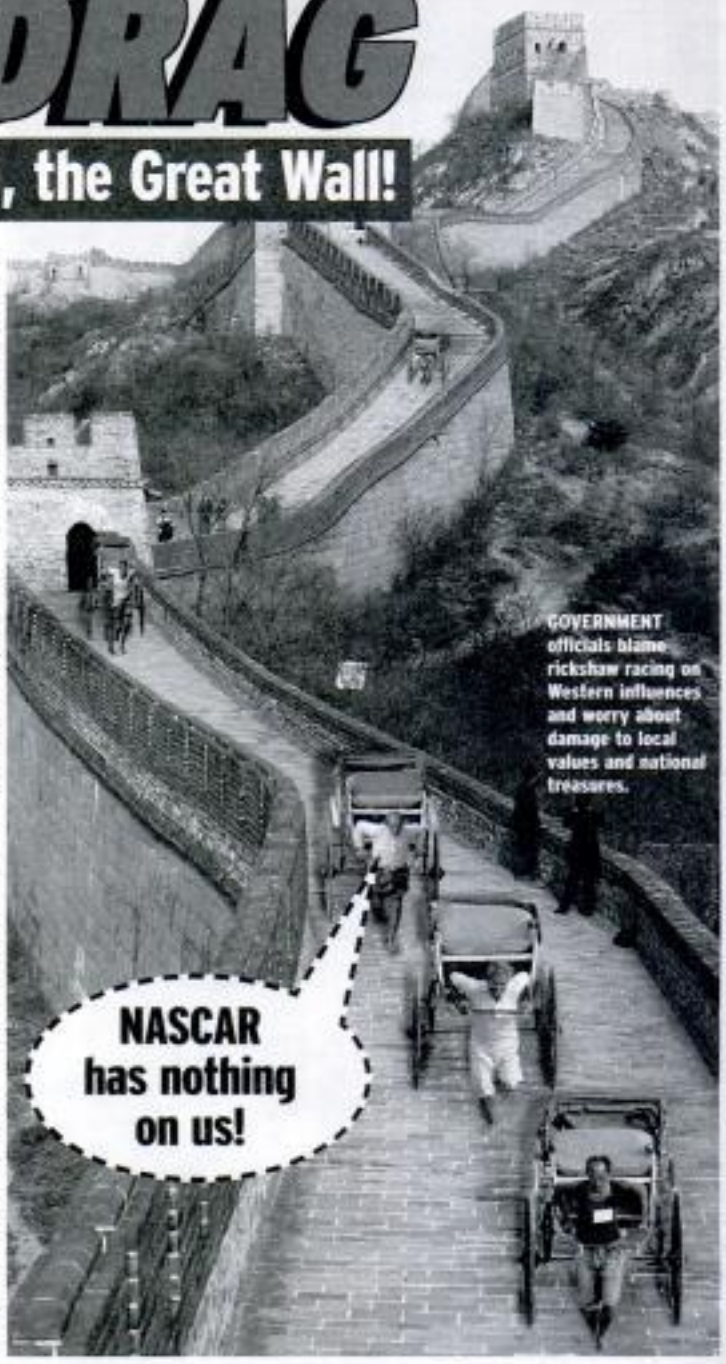
A government official said the racing has been stopped, the main organizers sent to a reeducation camp, and the rickshaws stripped down and returned to the taxi fleet.

"We need to stamp out Western influences," the official told us. "Next they'll have fuzzy dice. Besides, the crashes were causing serious damage to the wall."

Tourists have smuggled out photos of the chipped ancient edifice, mute testimony to the highly competitive nature of the now-banned racing.

One tourist commented, "It gives new meaning to 'hitting the wall.' "

Officials may think they've shut down the rickshaw racers but the diehards still defy the ban. A Chinese movie producer attempting to cash in on the fad, and inspired by *The Fast and The Furious* has started production on *The Exceptionally Very Rapid and the Wildly Angry*. It's sure to be a big hit in the People's Republic this summer.



GOVERNMENT officials blame rickshaw racing on Western influences and worry about damage to local values and national treasures.

MAILBOX GOES POSTAL

By FRED STAMP

ATLANTA, Ga. – On the corner of Spring and Fifth Street is a mailbox that people claim is alive.

"At first the lid wouldn't open, like it was magnetically sealed," said George Dunse who had tried to mail a letter to his

Pauline Phuss, an elderly woman, insisted that her dog was electrocuted when he sniffed the box.

Mail collector Fred Stevens said he is well aware of the problem.

"Darn thing almost bit my hand off," he said. "I everyone must be crazy, huh?"

After a half-dozen complaints, the city sent electrician Henry Wyre to investigate the phenomenon. "When I approached the mailbox it started to shake," he said. "Then lightning and charred letters shot from the slot."

After the pyrotechnics

"City power lines run right under the box," he said. "There was extensive erosion of the insulation causing the mailbox to become electrically charged, like a downed power line."

The power lines were repaired that day, and the mail began to flow again. But Fred Stevens was still uneasy.

"I think it's possessed."

This mailbox is especially harsh

WWN FUN 'n' GAMES

Bedside manner!

HAVING made *People*'s "50 Most Beautiful" list, it's no wonder women swoon over sexy Jude Law. And after amazingly fantastic roles in movies like *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, *Cold Mountain* and *Alfie*, he's attracting even more attention. Can you guess which of these ladies he's been with?

Kate Winslet

Gwen Stefani

Sienna Miller

Sadie Frost

Marisa Tomei

Gwyneth Paltrow

Jude has three children with ex-wife Sadie Frost and is engaged to Sienna Miller.

MYSTERY EYES

Here are close-ups of some stars whose eyes give them a distinctive look and who share a small detail. Can you place the faces and name the names? HINT: Remember the *Breakfast Club*. . .

1

Pretty in Pink

2

The Mighty Ducks

3

Suddenly Susan

4

Short Circuit

5

The Dead Zone

WHO ARE THEY?
1) Molly Ringwald
2) Emilio Estevez
3) Judd Nelson
4) Ally Sheedy
5) Anthony Michael Hall

WORLD'S WEIRDEST FORTUNE COOKIES

EVERYONE knows the best part of eating at a Chinese restaurant is the fortune cookies. Usually the prediction is good, but sometimes you really break into a bad cookie.

You readers may not know this, but we crazy pack rats at *WWN* make a habit of saving silly things – and weird fortunes are one of our favorites.

DEAD HEAD

BECAUSE there's nothing you'd rather wake up to than a severed horse head, a company called Kropserkel is marketing this stuffed replica. Now you too can pull a *Godfather* move and drop a dead horse in anyone's bed!

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BY MADAME MALISA
Renowned medium and psychic
August 1 – August 7

Your weekly star guide

Readers all over the country are using Madame Malisa's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	6, 9, 18, 20, 27, 28
TAURUS	18, 21, 22, 35, 41, 47
GEMINI	5, 7, 9, 16, 27, 39
CANCER	5, 15, 18, 22, 26, 35
LEO	3, 10, 12, 28, 33, 47
VIRGO	7, 18, 21, 33, 39, 42
LIBRA	5, 26, 29, 33, 38, 49
SCORPIO	5, 12, 24, 38, 48, 49
SAGITTARIUS	1, 7, 18, 22, 26, 30
CAPRICORN	12, 18, 25, 36, 37, 40
AQUARIUS	1, 3, 10, 17, 18, 26

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

Meet a friend or loved one for a flick with depth. It'll help clear your mind of cobwebs that are blocking your creativity. All you need is a simple twist of fate.

Plunge ahead on that top secret project you've been dawdling with and don't get tangled up in blue.

Don't get cocky, but be forceful with those in authority. A small dog looms large.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

Your words and your conscience carry extra weight now. A favor from a stranger could really help with a problem that's been bugging you.

Avoid driving late this week.

Something from TV or radio could really get your creative juices flowing and provide a key to financial independence. But don't be moody — or you'll blow it.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Someone close to you could be touchy and difficult to deal with now.

Choose your words carefully or you'll be packing your bags. You may be tempted to gamble with something you really treasure. Don't do it unless it involves the color green and the letter R.

This week can be a winner if you follow instructions and look both ways before you cross.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

Be attentive to new acquaintances over the next few days. One will prove helpful to your sexual self-esteem.

The color yellow can be lucky for you and the number 9 could figure into some financial gain for you in the near future.

Concentrate on gossip this week — this is an excellent time to make monetary gains.

Remember, owls fly at night!

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

An uncomfortable personal hygiene situation may make dealings with a friend or family member difficult. Your concern for others should carry you through.

If you're feeling frisky, this is a good time to strengthen your romantic prospects. Use your mind instead of your heart when dealing with your social life this week.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Be ready to grab a profitable financial opportunity that may come your way in the very near future.

Get sound advice from neighbors before doling out cash. You have talent that isn't being used.

This could be the week to launch a creative project or get your car off the blocks. Your sensitivity to people's problems is admirable, but it's ultimately fruitless.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

A creative spark could ignite significant changes in your life if you follow your instincts and pay attention to the letter P this week. First impressions may prove to be extremely important and you would be wise to take notice of someone who appears unsavory.

An unusual offer might be presented to you shortly, and you should notify authorities.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

All signs indicate that an exciting new challenge is likely to come your way in the week ahead. Trust common sense and a chance encounter.

A stubborn streak could lead to trouble — or a solution. Avoid senseless problems by standing up for yourself. You may be confused when long-standing plans are derailed, but make new ones.

Do you have a passport?

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

The difficulties you've had to deal with should disappear this week when relatives leave.

You've suffered more than your fair share, but things will get back to normal if you're aware of possible legal glitches.

Keep a stiff upper lip and remember that we're all just dust in the wind. Single out a trusted friend and borrow some funds if need be.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Make every effort this week to get a firm grip on your temper. It is stifling your efforts to meet your quota. Someone — or something — out there is trying to make contact. Concentrate on this entity in order to break on through to the other side.

Don't let oversensitive feelings interfere with your determination to achieve financial independence.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

You're on the right track and love hides in mysterious places. Dance with a stranger this week. While your friends and loved ones appreciate your quiet strength, it's time to let them see your superior nature.

Forget those chores you've been postponing — hire someone else to do them. Puttering about in the yard will only lead to an embarrassing accident.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Splurge on a lottery ticket or bingo game — but not the stock market. Your lucky number is 17!

Use your effervescent glow to your advantage this week and coast for awhile. You've been hiding it because of so-called "medical problems."

It would do you good to sneak off one afternoon to an art museum, tavern or off-track betting operation.

If your birthday is this week . . .

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MATH ERROR DESTROYS U.S. SPY SATELLITE

— ARABIC NUMERALS SUSPECTED!

By BLAISE FERMAT

MUDDLESBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — A spy satellite aboard the Air Force's new Nimrod IV rocket exploded minutes after launch when one of the rocket's fuel tanks overheated.

Air Force investigators cited a simple math mistake in the design of the fuel tank as the cause of the explosion. But no one has placed blame on the rocket's builders.

"We don't want to cause undue alarm," said Muddlesberg Chief Master Sergeant Rolf Cratney. "But the numerals we used in designing the spacecraft — the same numbers we all use to pay our taxes, or even observe the Fourth of July — first came to us from Arab traders who visited Europe in the 11th century A.D. And now, a terrifying number of things in free society depend on these foreign-born digits."

SCRATCH MARKS will be the new numeric system for space flight and accounting.

report leaked to *Weekly World News*, the threat of "sleeper numerals" has forced U.S. officials to consider eliminating the Arabic system from all Department of Defense projects, and eventually from the country as a whole.

But an anonymous U.S. military source admitted that the initiative has had little success so far. "We thought about switching to the Roman numeral system, but that would have meant enormous royalties to the Vatican, which has been using the numerals in encryption systems for centuries."

Instead, the Nimrod V rocket — a pilot project in non-Arabic-numeral engineering — will be designed entirely with simple scratch marks. The marks

(1,931,212 meters) and fuel consumption (2,181,818 kilograms per hour).

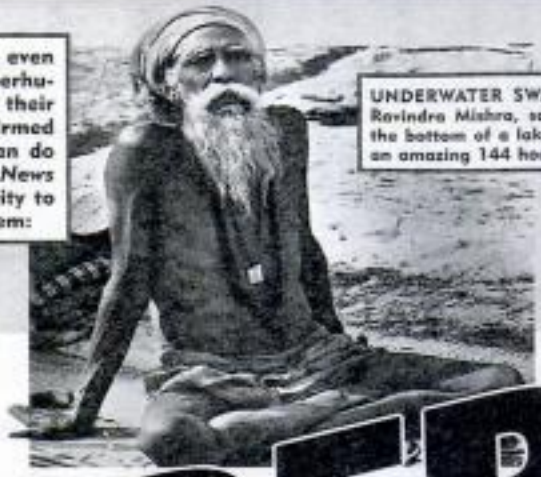
"Yeah, that's an awful lot of tally marks," our source said. "But we've emergency-commandeered Cardstock National Forest for extra paper, and we've got permission to use the Army Corps of Engineers' Hand Cramp Clinic in Sausalito for our tired designers.

"It'll take us some time to eradicate

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS CLASSIC

YOU asked for it, you got it! Due to popular demand, we are digging deep into our dusty archives to present a series of classic *Weekly World News* exposés! If you have any particular favorites from years past that you've been pining to see, drop us a line!

Faith moves mountains, so they say — and it accomplishes even greater feats among men. Faith turns ordinary mortals into superhumans, spurring them to acts that defy explanation. The source of their mysterious powers has never been traced, but scientists have confirmed time and again that men possessed by the spirit of their god can do things they would never be able to do normally. The *Weekly World News* has brought scores of documented acccounts of superhuman ability to the attention of its readers. Here are some of the best among them:



UNDERWATER SWAMI, Ravindra Mishra, sat on the bottom of a lake for an amazing 144 hours!

SUPER

Holy men unleash their awesome power — and dazzle the world!

Preacher reads with glass eye!

Ronald Coyne can read anything that's pu in front of him — with his glass eye!

"It's a miracle of the Lord Jesus Christ and a testimo ny of His power," Reverend Coyne, an interdenominational preacher from Tulsa, Okla., told the *NEWS*. "The Lord is a mystery. Men cannot understand Him. I often wonder wh He gave this miracle to me in stead of all the other peopl who need to be healed. In fac the first thing I'm going to as when I get to Heaven is: 'Wh me, Lord? Why me?'"

Rev. Coyne was a boy of when a strip of razor-shar baling wire slashed his rig

MIRACULOUS! Rev. Ronald Coyne can read anything put before him with his artificial eye while his good eye is taped shut. More amazingly, the Oklahoma preacher is also able to pop out his glass eye and scan a page with his empty socket!

Astonishing feats defy explanation!

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS SPECIAL EDITION

HUMANS!

BLOOD STREAMS from the massive head wounds that Ram Singh inflicted on himself!

Guru drives 3-foot sword through his head!

Onlookers gasp with astonishment when holy man Ram Singh walks through the streets of Colombo, Ceylon, with a three-foot-long sword through his head!

The religious mystic says he learned the feat from another holy man and won't divulge how he does it. But witnesses can clearly see that the razor-sharp blade has been driven through his scalp and skull, and blood drips constantly from the horrifying wound.

Singh, 34, has been practicing his gruesome specialty for seven years. He first tried it in 1988 after making a vow to his Hindu god to publicly demonstrate his faith in return for the survival of his ailing wife. The religious martyr makes a pilgrimage through the city every two months, followed by crowds of jostling, cheering supporters.

eye, damaging it so badly it had to be removed. A month later his mother took him to a religious revival. While he was there, an evangelist prayed for a miracle — and incredibly, the boy was able to see perfectly through his new glass eye.

Now Rev. Coyne travels 200,000 miles a year to demonstrate his ability to read with his glass eye.

During his demonstrations, his good eye is taped over, yet he reads perfectly from any book or letter produced by his audience. Thousands of people have seen his miraculous feat.

Swami lives 6 days on bottom of a lake!

A 70-year-old guru meditated on the bottom of a lake for six full days, then waded to shore unharmed!

"It's a miracle," said Seshagiri Bhatt, one of 400 people who stood vigil by the shores of the 60-foot deep lake in Rewa, India, where the stunning feat took place.

"Our guru has proven that he is truly divine. Many said he could not accomplish what he set out to do. But I saw him do it with my own eyes."

The old guru himself, Ravindra Mishra, brushed off the attention of awestruck admirers. "The Hindu goddess Kali helped me go without air for 144 hours — all glory is Hers," the gray-haired mystic said.

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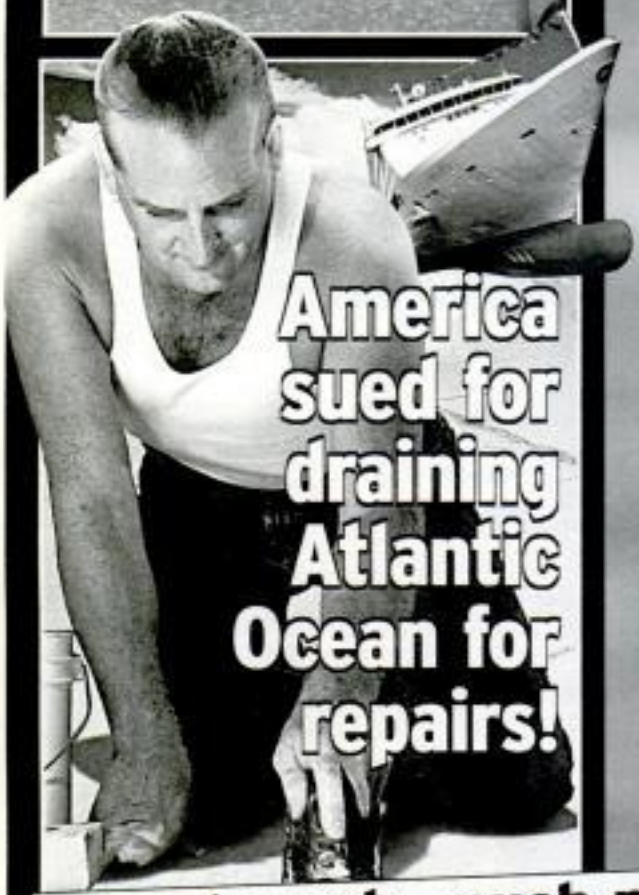

America sued for draining Atlantic Ocean for repairs!

and much, much more!

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SEE MORE OF ANGEL INSIDE!